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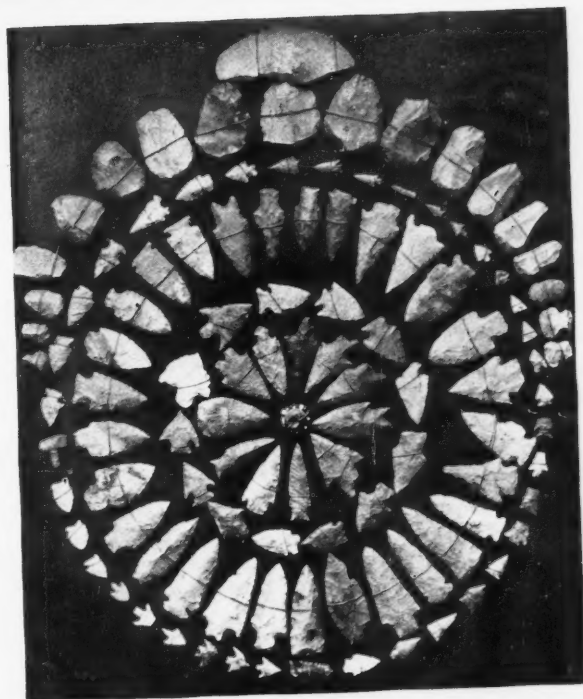
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The Publisher's Page

OUR August number will feature the coin section because of the Numismatists' Convention at Cincinnati, Ohio, Aug. 29 to Sept. 3. The coin section will predominate. It will be much larger than usual. **HOBBIES** will have a booth at the convention, and aims to get as many new subscribers as possible. For that reason we are going to make a special effort on this section, and we believe the results will be pleasing to all coin enthusiasts. We hope all our friends among the coin collectors and dealers will be represented in this issue. This is a chance for dealers to infiltrate new blood, and for collectors to get acquainted with each other. The larger dealers should all carry a page Ad, and collectors who wish to add specimens should carry a classified ad. It will only cost a small amount and will place you in correspondence with hundreds of other collectors, that you never heard of before. It will pay us to make a good showing so that the delegates to the Convention will realize that **HOBBIES** is on the map.

Our September issue will be devoted to stamps because of the Philatelists' Convention at Memphis, Tennessee, Sept. 14 to 18. We will expend the same effort as we do on the special August issue, to impress the stamp folks that **HOBBIES** is not only the widest circulated magazine in the world for collectors, but that it is to be reckoned with as an organ of the Philatelic fraternity.

WE once had a solicitor who always boasted that he sold more advertising Saturday afternoon than at any other time. He doped it out that there was a certain percentage of business men who could be found sitting around their offices Saturday afternoon leisurely smoking cigars, satisfied that the week's payroll had been met, and contemplating future plans of the business. He said he could go in, chat pleasantly, and get a warmer reception and a better chance to get his sales talk across than at any other time.

This reminds us of an advertiser who has just told us that he found it paid him better to advertise out of season than in season. He dopes it out two ways; first, that nine buyers out of ten make up their minds where they are going to send their order for the coming season before the season arrives, so that he can get them sold before the time to place their orders. We think he is right in that most people make up their minds where they are going to buy something long before they buy it.

Secondly, he claims that his advertising message is not crowded in with too many others during the dull season and he gets a better chance to get his selling talk across. He figures his competitors have eliminated themselves giving him an opening that he is eager to take advantage of.

HOBBIES intends to give the same value and make the same effort during the summer months as in the winter months. We are not going to let up on our promotional and circulation activities, and if all the dealers in the trade would take the same stand and put forth the same effort, we could stimulate a steady twelve-month interest in every line of collecting.

A SUBSCRIBER writes: "I am sending my subscription and will be glad to renew at the end of the year if you are still in business." All we can say is that whoever lacks sufficient imagination to see the opportunity of a good **Hobbies** magazine in this country will find the joke is on him. Another reader writes: "You certainly had nerve to undertake a magazine on this scale under present economic conditions." It does not take nerve. It simply requires foresight. Every business man, particularly in the publishing business, knows that he must carry his property at a loss for a certain length of time. If you start in a period of depression, you can carry your initial loss at a minimum, so that when you have made your reputation and become a fixture in the field you can begin to profit when good times set in. This is better than starting in good

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WE have an abiding faith in America and in American leadership. The country has gone through far worse depressions before and has emerged under greater steam than previously. Our rising generation is going to demand and have greater comforts, and more of everything. It will have greater earning power and a greater spending power. We have an inherent urge to spend and to enjoy the best of life and that urge cannot be knocked out of us by a couple years of hard times. There is too much said about the four million people out of work, when under perfectly normal conditions there are one million people out of work. There is not enough being said about the forty million people who are working. We are not in a panic. It is a period of re-adjustment. While some innocent people suffer, it is a very healthful thing for the country as a whole. It will make the good old American dollar worth more. It has, for the time being, eliminated an enormous mob of non-producers who made easy money gambling on the stock market and existing on their rackets, which have no place in our economic life. It has put a premium on experience, real ability, and business character. Such men are not worried about business. They may not be making as much money as they would like but they are at least eliminating unfit competition and getting ready for the next era of good times that is sure to come.

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we go on for a considerable time. However, in some way our judgment tells us *HOBBIES* is going to come along pretty satisfactorily. If experience is worth anything we are confident that any publication which has the constant flow of subscriptions such as *HOBBIES* has, it need not worry at all about ultimate success.

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We want every Washington and Lincoln collector to start now gathering material for this number. We want all of you to begin sending us the names of these collectors so that we can send a circular to them regarding this big issue in time for them to get a copy.

Our Stamp Department will publish material about Washington and Lincoln stamps. The Coin Department will have articles pertaining to the coins of their time and influence. The Indian Relic Department will contain material pertaining to Lincoln's Blackhawk War service and Washington's French and Indian War service as well as their official connection with the Indian tribes of their times.

Our readers can look for something new. They will be surprised to find the material directly of interest in their own collection. It surrounds the historical aura of these two great American leaders. We want the help of every subscriber to make this a number that will be kept in the public and private libraries of thousands of American people.

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Hobbies and Their Uses

By WILLIAM MATHEWS

ONE of the great secrets of worldly happiness is to have a keen and abiding interest in some other thing than the calling by which we gain our daily bread—in other words, to have a hobby. As a means of recreation we need to be interested in some other subject than that which is forced upon us by circumstances or the requirements of professional life. But a hobby, to which the mind springs the moment the pressure of our customary work is removed, is more than a recreation; it is a preservative of the mind. It is an antidote to world-weariness—to that sadness of the heart and countenance, those doubts whether the play be worth the candle, which oppress every worker at times; in short, it saves the man who has it from that oppressive sense of the sameness of life, "that awful yawn which sleep cannot abate"—*ennui*.

In nothing are the idiosyncrasies of men more distinctly revealed than in their hobbies. A large, amusing and instructive volume might be written on the hobby-horses which men have ridden in different ages and countries. Of the strange tastes of collectors, especially, there is no end. As in our day there is a mania for old china, armor, brasses and bronzes, bric-a-brac, coins, cameos, postage stamps, and first editions of books, so in former days there have been crazes for hats, caps, wigs, snuff-boxes, walking-sticks and buttons. Frederick the Great had a collection of 1,500 snuff-boxes. Lablache, the great singer, made snuff-

boxes his hobby. His delight was to surround himself with *tabatieres* of every material, size, form and variety. He accumulated in his professional career hundreds of these receptacles of the titillating dust, bearing imperial, royal, princely, ducal, literary and lady-fair effigies, brilliant in diamond, pearl, malachite or lapis lazuli. Having received gold snuff-boxes from all the courts of Europe, he was led to become a passionate collector, and at all the public sales had agents instructed to buy the finest and most rare.

There is no accounting for tastes, else we might wonder that a man, unless an entomologist, should spend his time and money in gathering bugs; yet we have heard of a man who had a collection of 30,000 bugs, of all sizes, and from many countries. An Englishman is said to have had a collection of ropes with which certain celebrated criminals had been hanged. One of these cords was that with which

Sir Thomas Blount was executed in the reign of Henry the Fourth. A Dutchman, who had a mania for walking-sticks, M. Henri de Meer, is said to have attracted attention to his unique collection by going mad and dying with a walking-stick in each hand.

IN the Hotel Cluny, at Paris, there is a collection of old boots, where one can study the changes in the cobbler's art since the days of Ncuh. Another collection of boots, and also of shoes and slippers, is said to be possessed by an Englishman, Mr. Roach Smith. Besides speci-

Many fine pieces of literature owe their existence to the collecting instinct.

Boswell was not content with the humdrum existence of life. He followed that interesting character, Dr. Johnson, around from place to place and made a collection of notes of important and interesting events pertaining to the latter's life. Thus, we have the classic, BOSWELL'S LIFE OF JOHNSON.

Much also can be said in favor of collecting clippings. Thanks to the instinct of collecting and preserving of the printed word, we have "Hobbies and Their Uses" from the January 6, 1900 issue of The Saturday Evening Post. Arthur C. Chancellor of Philadelphia, brought the clipping, from which this is reprinted out of his file for HOBBIES readers.

mens of every age, from the boots of a bishop in A. D. 721, he has the shoes of most of the beauties of the court of Charles II, and there is an entire compartment devoted to some of the shoes crowned by the Societe des Petits Pieds (the Small Foot Society), over which the member with the smallest foot presided till displaced by a competitor. Paris probably surpasses every other city in its collections of queer and rare objects. One of the most remarkable is Mme. de Saint-Albin's collection of garters. On many of these are mottoes, and many are set with jewels. There are Parisians who are mad on brushes, pipes, forks, gloves, and even babies' caps. Among the most curious contributions to the history of tastes and manners are collections of buttons. In the eighteenth century they were sometimes painted in miniature and set with the costliest jewels. Not less extravagance was shown in waist-coats. An exquisite of the first water was then an improving study for both the sempstress or embroiderer and the scene-painter. One man of fashion might be seen with the amours of Mars and Venus on his stomach, and another with a cavalry review.

A pleasant but costly hobby is that of the picture-fancier. He is profoundly impressed by the glories of art, is learned in oils and varnishes, and descants by the hour on the mysterious gloom of Rembrandt, the color of Titian, the savageness of Salvator Rosa, and "the correngiosity of Correggio." He rises with a Ruysdael confronting him on the opposite wall, breakfasts with Bierstadt, dines with Hobbima, of whom "an undoubted original" hangs over the mantle, sups with Wouverman, and dreams all night of Poussin and Claude Lorrain. He haunts the shops of the picture dealers, and hangs about the auction rooms, where he nods his head at the cost of a hundred dollars a nod.

Coin-collecting is a favorite diversion of not a few men, some of whom will pay fabulous prices for pieces of small intrinsic value. Not long ago a Queen Anne English farthing, dated 1713, was sold at Christie's, in London, for £28 10s. A silver penny of William the Conqueror sold some time ago for £22, a Stephen and Matilda penny for £33, and a golden penny of the thirteenth century realized at the Montagu sale not less than £250, or about \$1,250. An American silver dollar of 1804 is reported to

have sold by auction for the sum of \$1,900!

ONE of the most charming hobbies for which a man can spend time and money is that of the rose-fancier. Mr. Bohn, the late London publisher, had in his garden, just out of that metropolis, 1,500 distinct varieties of roses, for many of which he had sent to the farthest corners of the globe and paid fabulous sums. A friend of the writer, who visited him at his suburban home, learned that for a single rose-tree he had paid \$250. At Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in England, there lived some years ago a "hewer" who had a passion for cultivating flowers, and who, though earning less than twenty shillings a week, had competed successfully for prizes at flower-shows for thirty-six years. In 1871, at a flower-show near that town, fifty out of fifty-four prizes were awarded to him; and in 1872 he carried away forty-nine out of fifty-four.

The favorite hobby of the greatest number of persons bitten with one of these innocent manias is book-collecting. Whether bibliognost, bibliomaniacs, bibliophiles or bibliotaphes, they are learned in title-pages and editions, presses and places of publication, and gloat over the possession of a rare old work—such as the first edition of a famous old author, or some *editio princeps*, with the dolphin and anchor of Aldus, or some exquisite Grolier—as a miser over his coin. A genuine bibliomaniac will spend all his ready cash in adding to the piles of unread books.

Hardly less prevalent than bibliomania is the craze for autographs. The man who rides this hobby treasures scraps of paper, old letters, fly-leaves torn from books, and franked envelopes as if they were notes of the Bank of England.

Well, "*chacun a son gout.*" "Blessed," said Lord Brougham, "is the man that hath a hobby," and he spoke authoritatively, for he kept a whole stableful. If, like that prince of book-scouts, "snuffy Davie," whom Mr. Burton, in his "Book-Hunter" celebrates, he can discover and buy for twopence at a bookstall a Caxton which he will afterward sell for £200, or, like Parison, King of the French bouquineurs, sell for 1,500 francs a copy of Plantin's Cæsar which he bought for nineteen sous, he will find his hobby-riding a source both of innocent pleasure and of extraordinary profit.

Rare Porcelain Enamel Antiques



Ancient Art of Porcelain Enameling

Upper left—copper salvers; upper right—gold watches and porringer; center—medallion of St. Matthew; lower left—conception of St. Jerome; lower right—reliquary depicting scenes from the life of Christ.

Courtesy Porcelain Enamel Institute

PORCELAIN ENAMEL was used for both ornamental and practical purposes long before the Christian era, and while statues, jewel chests and similar objects of art were the first known porcelain enameled products, the Europeans soon began to use

it as a finish for kitchen utensils. The Chinese and others of the Orient were the first enamelers, but their output was eventually eclipsed by the more progressive manufacturers in Germany and Austria. Note the antiquities here.

What Well-Known Folks Collect

VISCOUNT LASCELLES, the husband of Princess Mary, is an enthusiastic collector of old glass.

COLLEEN MOORE is credited with collecting municipal bonds from every state in the Union. Specifically speaking she has bought one from every state in the Union, it is said.

CHARLES GATES DAWES is described as a man of many hobbies. He composes music on the side and has won recognition along these lines. Recently he travelled about Spain inspecting prehistoric caves and visiting museums. The caves which Ambassador Dawes has examined are famous for the drawings to be found on their walls. Ambassador Dawes has brought vividly before the American mind the singular richness of Spanish archæology.

JEAN PATOU of Paris, to whom the ladies owe so much in the way of chicness and style is a collector of old prints and relics. His collection of Lafayetteiana is famous. This he presented to the Government in Washington a few years ago when he visited the Capital city.

Mlle. GABRIELLE CHANEL, also well-known to women who love beautiful lines, clothes and other femininity is a sculptress.

MME. JEANNE LANVIN, another creator of works of art for the woman who would dress well, collects old maps, prints and books. Her accumulation is considered one of the most valuable in Europe.

COLONEL E. H. R. GREEN, Son of Hetty Green, the wizard financier, collects stamps. HENRY MORGENTHAU, former American Ambassador to Turkey is another stamp collecting devotee.

MAXINE ELLIOTT, ANNA HELD, DEWOLF HOPPER and PAVLOWA were reported at one time as being very much interested in old theatrical photos.

The late LON CHANEY, man of a thousand faces and of as many mysteries, besides having a liking for amateur photography, was an enthusiastic collector of rare batik and Chinese draperies. The famed actor followed his hobby for many years and left upon his death, material that was worth a fortune.

ROY HOWARD, when not engaged in fighting fire in the volunteer fire department of Mount Vernon, N. Y., where he lives, running the Scripps-Howard chain of newspapers, and helping out on the United Press, follows the hobby of collecting Chinese pottery and other examples of Chinese art. Mr. Howard's office resembles a rather luxurious Chinese temple and his collection is reputed to be worth many thousands of dollars.

J. L. KRAFT, director of the largest cheese manufacturing plant in the United States, is known in the world of archæology, as the possessor of one of the rarest collections of stone relics and prehistoric fossils in existence.

Recently Mr. Kraft came into possession of one of the most complete historical records in the world, Nebuchadnezzar's own story of his life, his achievements and his love, engraved on a stone cylinder more than 2,500 years ago. The cylinder which has perhaps the most perfectly preserved record of that period in cuneiform writing, is one of a pair, found in 1912, by Arab workmen digging for building bricks in the ruins of the temple of Maraea, a suburb of ancient Babylon.

M. H. AYLESWORTH, president of the National Broadcasting Company, collects also, but his hobby is first editions.

Red satin neckties comprise the collecting hobby of C. R. PALMER, president of Cluett, Peabody & Company. A news writer recently wrote, "At all times, I am told, Mr. Palmer has in his possession at least two dozen of this type of neckties."

ALONG NATURE'S TRAIL

Peony and Iris Collection

A. E. KUNDRED, authority on the gladiolus, now owns the stock of peonies and irises, which formerly belonged to Lee R. Bonnewitz of Van Wert, O. This collection is estimated to contain nearly 1,000 varieties of the two flowers and includes many of the finest and rarest varieties to be found anywhere in the world.

Butterfly Show

AT a rather recent butterfly show in the Los Angeles, Calif., museum, John Garth of Long Beach was awarded the gold prize for the best western collection. There were awards also for the best collection of injurious insects, for discovery of new species, exotic specimens, and commercial exhibits.

Largest in State

ONE of the largest nature collections to be found anywhere is said to be in possession of the Niles, Mich., High School.

The collection, comprising more than 1,000 birds and many animals and reptiles was started in 1835 in England, by Clement L. Barron, grandfather of Barron Weatherby, the donor to the Niles High School.

Some few years ago Chief Ornithologist Barrows of the Michigan State Department of Conservation said that he considered the collection the largest amateur collection in the State, and rivaled by collection in but few museums and state institutions.

Due to the fact that the collection has not been added to for the past 50 years, many of the birds found in it are now extinct and consequently very valuable.

Among the rare specimens are an Alaskan or Kodiak bear head and a 15

Butterflies - flowers - insects -

foot Python. Several of the rare species of birds are the Toucan, English Nightingale, Passenger Pigeon, California Valley Quail, California Blue Quail, and many others which are not as yet identified.

Collects Rare Snakes

IF you should suddenly find yourself the inheritor of a \$6,000,000 estate what secret ambition would you gratify?

It didn't take young Philip Chancellor long to decide. More than two years ago when Mr. Chancellor then hardly out of his twenties inherited this amount from his grandfather, F. N. Matthiessen, zinc magnate of LaSalle, Illinois, the boy gave up an \$18.00 a week reporter job in Chicago and set out to indulge a long-cherished ambition—the collecting of rare snakes.

One Pigeon Worth \$1,000

CURATOR BROOKINGS of the Hastings (Neb.) museum has mounted and on display practically every bird and animal indigenous to Nebraska territory, in addition to specimens of heath hens, now extinct, and which are quoted at \$250 each. He has a mounted passenger pigeon for which he refused one thousand dollars. Three specimens of Eskimo curlew, also known as prairie pigeons and dough birds now totally extinct, but once as numerous in Nebraska as sparrows are now, have a ready market for \$250 each.

"One Iron Man"

"Your HOBBIES for May is just in and it certainly is a real magazine and by far the best of its kind. Enclosed is one 'Iron Man.' Tell me when you want more."—
T. H. Young, N. Y.

Hatchery Aids in Butterfly Collecting

By ADELINE TAYLOR
Courtesy Scientific American

IN Iowa, where the tall corn grows there is a young man who farms in a different line—he is a butterfly farmer. Irvin Schlesselman, an 18-year-old youth of Cedar Rapids, has hatcheries, traps, displays, and a well established butterfly business. And they are all products of his own ingenuity.

Butterfly farming consists of more than putting a caterpillar in a cage and then coming back two or three months later to find the butterfly. Irvin is raising 30 different species of moths and butterflies, each of them requiring a separate compartment in his hatchery.

THROUGH a hole in the floor of every caterpillar's home a branch of food leaves is inserted. Every worm has a particular menu, and requires his own kind of leaf for breakfast. Through experiment and observation this young farmer has discovered that the Luna moth prefers the walnut tree; the Yellow Emperor thrives on the box elder; the Cecropia likes cedar and lilac leaves; Polyphemus craves weeping birch; the Io wants willow leaves and the Prometheus takes to wild cherry foliage. The leaves are kept fresh by standing in a glass of water which must be changed each day. The temperature of the nursery must be watched, so that it does not get too warm after the caterpillars have spun



Irvin and one of the cases of butterflies that he has collected.

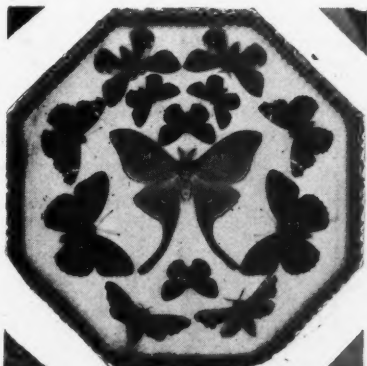
their cocoons—otherwise they will hatch prematurely. Among the cocoon-spinning varieties of moths that Irvin is now raising are the Polyphemus, Prometheus, Cecropia, Io and Luna.

Then, of course, there is the problem of catching the butterflies and moths of many kinds to begin these hatcheries. Again the ingenuity of this unusual farmer came to the rescue and he has designed a trap in which he can catch them. A female is put in a wire cage in the center of the trap, which has five entrances, each of them lined with tin. The male moth is attracted to this trap evidently by his sense of smell.

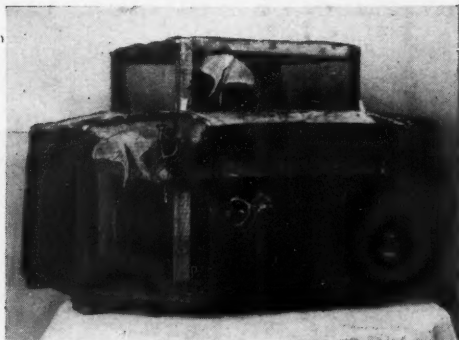
When the moths land on the tin troughs, their feet will not stick to the surface and they slide into the trap. This tin slide idea was developed by Irvin through a process of experimental elimination—aluminum and other metals, and even painted, tin were used with no success.

The youthful farmer has also attracted moths and butterflies to his traps by brushing a mixture of syrup and vinegar on nearby trees and by tying the female near a trap with a slender thread. He says this latter method often attracts as many as 30 adults.

His hobby competes with amateur astronomy in turning its followers into nighthawks. The Luna moth—that lovely



One of the glass-topped trays made with butterflies raised by Irvin.



Irvin Schlesselman, Iowa, butterfly farmer catches the adult insects.

green night traveler that looks like a fairy trailing a phantom train—can be caught about midnight. The same hour is the favorite for the Polyphemus, also, but he who catches the Cecropia must look for him about 3:30 A.M.

Sometimes these moths can be caught around street lamps at night. And a carnival is an ideal place for the moth collector, according to Irvin. The Yellow Emperor is particularly fond of the bright night lights. Butterflies belong to the sunshine and the collector finds them while on daylight walks through fields and meadows.

Occasionally the hunter goes scouting for cocoons rather than moths—according to the season of the year. He has learned in what trees to look for larvae and can distinguish between the gold-flecked, jade chrysalis of the Monarch, the brown cradle of the Cecropia, the hanging home of the Prometheus, and the leaf-wrapped coat of the Luna.

All of this leads toward the end to which all of these efforts have been made—that of having a collection to study and admire and display. And this butterfly farmer certainly has some remarkable results. Over 2,000 butterflies and moths have been caught, trapped or raised and eventually mounted in his collection. They include 250 species from his native state alone.

THE case with which Irvin is pictured is one of his own design. The back of it is made of wall board which will not warp and there is a chamber in which to

put camphor so that the specimens are kept insect proof. Care must be taken to keep these cases away from strong light so that the colors on the wings will not fade.

IRVIN also designs individual specimen cases which are glassed on both sides, enabling the observer to see the under side of the wing.

Irvin has put his butterfly farming on a commercial basis by selling some of the products to other collectors who have been less successful in catching the rarer species. Teachers have been particularly interested in taking advantage of this unusual farm. Another market for these creatures is in making decorative trays and centerpieces, an art at which Irvin is quite proficient.

He is supplementing these displays of 2,000 moths and butterflies of this section of the country, which has taken him seven years to collect, with exotic specimens procured from South America and southern India.



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Hundreds of Fancy Fish Collectors in U. S. *Chicago Aquarium Society*

IT is interesting to learn of the hundreds of fancy fish collectors throughout the country. They have a national association and several local associations. When our attention was first called to the matter we got the impression that it would be more or less of a pet hobby. However, the addicts insist that it is purely a collection. The collectors keep aquariums and they add to their collections different species the same as a stamp collector or a coin collector. They buy, sell and trade to get new varieties of fish.

We are sure our subscribers will be interested in the following record of Alfred C. Weed, Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, who is Secretary of the Chicago Aquarium Society. Usually a secretary's report is about as dry a piece of reading as one could peruse. Mr. Weed gets his up as interestingly as a True Story plot. It follows:

A REGULAR meeting of the Chicago Aquarium Society was held in Mailard's Private Dining Room on Wednesday evening, May 20. The dinner, one of the most successful in the society's history, was somewhat delayed because the waiters had to set new tables from time to time to accommodate the extra attendance. Dignity went by the board very quickly, if it was there at all. After the dinner there was a sudden influx of members and friends who came just for the business session, and conversation on all subjects from Society business to the baseball score was so general and so loud that the President almost broke his gavel before he had restored some semblance of order.

During the business session the Society seized upon one of the recommendations of the Board of Governors and proceeded to demonstrate what could be done in a meeting of almost any organization. No physical violence was attempted but the members of the Board of Governors were made aware that it is not always certain that a recommendation will be accepted

without discussion. After a few minutes of spirited, though friendly, discussion a satisfactory motion was made and passed, and the subject closed.

Nominations of officers to be elected at the next meeting brought out a large number of candidates for all offices except secretary and treasurer. There the old officers were renominated. The only opposition was on the part of those officers, but they had no substitutes to offer.

When the members were called upon to introduce their guests, the Secretary tried to take down their names, but quit when the names were called rapidly in groups of three and four. He estimates that there were about as many guests there as the total attendance at some of the meetings.

George Roth has devised a thermostat that he is sure will not boil fish. After a general discussion on the new device, an avalanche of interested members retired to the corner of the room where the contrivance was set up. Scraps of questions, answers, objections and comment floated out of the huddle for another five or ten minutes before the President directed attention to other matters.

A. H. Reupke spoke briefly on the subject of terraria or terrariums (take your choice and you will still be wrong). He said he was there to learn something rather than to talk but that he wanted to protest against the name terraria (or terrariums). He suggested that the Society might coin a new name and get it generally adopted. As a substitute he suggested the name "wonder garden" or "house garden."

Mr. Huntley spoke briefly on the new magazine *HOBBIES*, describing the scope of the publication. He said that it had been definitely decided to add a department for the aquarium addicts and to put it on the same basis as the other departments. There was a vigorous discussion of his remarks and of the subject of aquarium magazines in general.

Walter H. Chute, Director of the John G. Shedd Aquarium spoke briefly on his recent visit to Philadelphia. He emphasized the changing fashions among the addicts. Years ago Philadelphia was the center of the goldfish breeders of this country, the place to obtain the best and fanciest stock. None of the breeders in the old days would consider handling tropicals. They were too much trouble for the amount of exhibition they produced. On his recent visit he found only two of the old guard still raising goldfish and even they had some tropicals.

The main event of the evening was a brilliant address on the subject of terrariums (or terraria) by Mrs. Mildred Andrews of Park Ridge, who builds them and provides plants to furnish them. In the course of a fairly long career as a "jiner," the Secretary has heard a great many people speak on a great diversity of subjects, but it is quite rare to encounter a speaker combining so complete a grasp of the subject with clearness of expression, good stage presence and a very clear and understandable voice. The Secretary was

so interested that he entirely forgot to take any notes as the talk went on.

The talk outlined very clearly the basic principles of the terrarium, gave some of the principal causes of failure and included a list of the commoner plants suitable for the purpose, with a discussion of the conditions under which each will do best. It is evident that the aquarium addict who attempts to start out in the terrarium field must add a lot of new names to his list. We already catch ourselves muttering: *selaginella*, *apocrenic acid*, *gaultheria*, *linnea borealis*, *sphagnum*, *tufa*, *epigaea*, etc. We must take care that the disease does not become so serious that all the aquariums are changed over to terraria (or terrariums).

When the last matter had been attended to, the Secretary went home feeling that the meeting had been an entire success, except for one thing: he was re-nominated for the same office with no one to run against him.

Alfred C. Weed, Secretary.

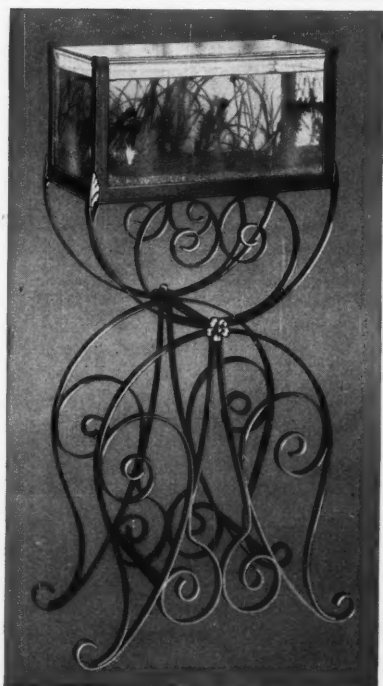
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What Are the Attractions of Tropical Fish?

By HANS C. M. JENSEN

AN old time fish fan friend of mine dropped in the other day to look over my collection and display of tropical fish. After a few moments of admiration he turned to me and said, "After all, the tropical fish fancy is one of the best hobbies to have." He said, "You know, the wives sometimes complain about the expenditures but I often catch my wife watching and admiring the antics of the fish, but I know that she likes them just the same, and I feel that her complaint is only on general principles." Naturally, I agreed with him on this statement as any good salesman would, but upon his leaving I could not help but give more thought to the subject.

Being a fish fan for about twenty years, and still being as much interested as I was the day I started, I realize there must be something exceptional in this hobby to make it last so long. In analyzing this fancy we begin to understand that it has an appeal to the nature loving individual, who desires a pet with the least possible

trouble, the plant lover and the person who takes a pleasure in acquiring things. An aquarium in the home satisfies all of these desires, because you can select your pets and breed them which in itself becomes a most interesting and fascinating study. You can create scenic effects in your aquarium to suit your own fancies from a most wonderful variety of aquatic plants, and you will find great pride and pleasure in exhibiting your holdings and your art to your friends.

This most interesting of hobbies has been advanced a great deal further in European countries than in America, but judging by the rate of increase in this country in the last few years, we are led to believe that Americans will not only equal Europeans but will very shortly far surpass them. The large cities of this country now have large public aquariums exhibiting these small interesting fishes and many aquarium societies have been organized to aid the individual to enjoy thoroughly this most interesting of hobbies.

Collecting Fish

WITH the opening of the Shedd aquarium in Chicago, the Middle West now offers to the public an exhibit of the sea life of the world that cannot help but add zest to the already popular hobby—the collecting of fish, both fresh water and tropical.

The thriving aquarium societies in many large cities and the increasing number of dealers throughout the country is ample proof of the wide spreading popularity of this already well established form of collecting.

Dealers are usually old-time collectors themselves and their advice in making a start is usually best to follow.

IGNORANCE of a few simple rules pertaining to the maintenance of an aquarium has created the wrong impression:

that it is difficult to keep fish in the home. The contrary, however, is true. There is no pet that is easier to keep than gold fish, none that requires so little attention—when placed into a well balanced aquarium.

Just what is a well balanced aquarium? A well balanced aquarium is one in which a proper balance of plant and animal life has been created so as to duplicate as closely as possible Nature herself. If you have sufficient plant life in your aquarium to keep your water in perfect condition and scavengers to keep it clean, if, in addition to this, you provide a natural bed of sand or gravel and see to it that your fish are not overcrowded, you have established what is commonly called "a well balanced aquarium."

Such an aquarium needs changing of water only once or twice a year, it needs

no cleaning, no looking after. A pinch of food dropped into it once a day is all the attention your fish require—it is all you have to do to keep your fish well and contented.

And—with so little attention—what pleasures it brings! What beautiful adornment, what fascinating pastime such a

miniature pond with its life and action brings to your home! You will love to watch the graceful movements of your colorful pets, enjoy their nerve soothing influence; you will see the mysteries of Nature before your very eyes and show and explain them to your youngsters. And, with justifiable pride, you will display your balanced aquarium to your friends.

The Gem Minerals and the Factors That Determine Their Value

By A. J. HARSTAD

THERE is probably no other line of merchandise where so many factors are concerned in arriving at a valuation as in precious or semi-precious stones.

Also there is probably no other line in which a small variation in certain factors, particularly quality and size, makes such a great difference in value. To name these factors and to explain why they have to be considered is the purpose of this article. The subject will be handled from the standpoint of the collector, and written to appeal particularly to those who while they have a keen interest in the subject as collectors or naturalists are because of financial reasons limited to but an expenditure for specimens. Specific price quotations will not be made, but there will be more or less commercial as well as scientific information included, some of which may prove valuable as well as interesting, particularly to the beginner in this field. With due respect for the stamp and coin collectors and all the others, I will add that there is no collecting field that offers you more pleasure or educational profit than the gem minerals, and a knowledge and appreciation of the gems has been a mark of culture in all ages. In the study of the factors that enter into gem values we shall begin with locality

Locality

To the casual purchaser of a gem for jewelry purposes the place of origin of the gem is probably of little or but passing interest. To the collector, however,

that factor is equally as important as any other, and often more important than some. There is an increasing reluctance on the part of prospectors or mineral scouts to divulge the exact locality of a gem find but usually at least the county or district of the state or country where the gem originated can be ascertained and the collector should not be satisfied with less information. The necessity of this would be brought home to you very forcibly if you tried to sell your collection. In a general way, the value of gem minerals is determined largely like the merchandise by the extent of the supply. There are some notable exception to this, however, among the gem minerals which will be discussed under another heading. I will take a pink tourmaline as an example. When of good quality it is a pleasing gem, and specimens from Madagascar or Brazil can be bought at a low price per carat in the ordinary sizes, because of a greater supply. The same size and grade of pink tourmaline from the California or Maine localities, because of a now limited production and the greater interest of American collectors, would command a higher price. Then again a find of the same size and quality from another locality such as Montana or the Black Hills where gem tourmaline deposits are not known to occur, would deservedly command a still higher price. Also there are gem localities that are now worked out, abandoned, inaccessible or lost to modern knowledge. Finds from such localities would command much higher

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Answer—Most states have a School of Mines in connection with their State University or at least a Department of Chemistry. Generally determinations are made free of charge at such institutions particularly if the material is from within that particular State. Probably none of them will give you a commercial assay, that is to tell you the ton value of any ores you may submit but for the gem minerals the name of the species and variety is generally all you need to know. It would be but a matter of deserved courtesy for you to send enough material so that they can retain some for cabinet display or study purposes if it should prove to be interesting material.



COLLECTANEA



For the Baseball Fan

Now that the baseball days are here fans, will no doubt enjoy hearing about a hobby apropos of that sport.

Frank E. Smith, Greenwood, Miss., collects box-scores of no-hit baseball games. Mr. Smith confesses that his collection is not very large as no-hit games are not very common. No-hit games are about evenly divided between professional and amateur ball playing, he says. One of the advantages to be gained from a collection of this sort is that it furnishes reference to the fan.

So Do We

Miss Thelma Miller of Chicago, has one hobby that is akin to ours. Miss Miller collects news of all hobby stories published.

Miss Miller also collects place cards, specializing in the kind that is put into merchandise to advertise it. Among the interesting cards in her collection are those showing pictures of movie stars, girls in tennis costume and so forth. Her collection represents nineteen nations and consists of 125 cards. "But these," says Miss Miller, "are only sidelines." Her major hobby is coins.

Collects Oddities

Shakespeare believed "There was nothing in a name," but certainly he was wrong, for D. W. Clapsaddle of Tacoma, Wash., gets quite a lot of enjoyment out of collecting names which he says are worse than his own. For twenty-five years he has carried a book in which he jots down names of people whose nomenclature is unusual. This written record contains Whiteleather, Turnipseed, Waggonwheel Leatherberry, Grindstone, Shears, Brickbat and Whetstone. The shortest name he has heard of is Ek. In addition to being an

unusual hobby, this one is also inexpensive. All it requires is an observing mind, a notebook and pencil and just a little time.

Match and Match Box Holders

We suppose we should not print this out of consideration for hotels and restaurants who admit that they have lost thousands of dollars because of the hobby of spoon collecting. However, the collecting of match and match box holders is a hobby that is rapidly gaining hold on many, and it is no doubt taking its toll from many public places.

Now That Camping Days Are Here

"Somewhere in this United States," a HOBBIES reader writes, "there is a man who collects hand painted frying pans, believe it or not." Page him, we want a story for The Magazine.

Limericks

The press has done much recently to popularize again that old-fashioned pastime of making limericks. Don Cass of Chicago, is one of the modern collectors of this art, and is said to have the most amusing, if not the largest, collection of limericks in America. Mr. Cass also has a very fine collection of phonograph records.

Searches for Ten Years

For ten years, Isaac Newman of Cleveland, has been searching for a Chinese automobile license tag to add to his collection of tags from all countries in the world which boast automobiles. He is still hoping for a Chinese tag although his friends traveling in China tell him that the Chinese still paint their license number on the rear end of the automobile.

IF YOU would like a new home consider this. Working for the city engineering Department in Charlotte, N. C. Joe Yandle began picking up stray bricks in streets, alleys and on vacant lots, taking them home. In 18 months he had collected 10,000 bricks and now has built a 3-room cottage with them.

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Milwaukee, Wis., residents who are interested in joining the new hobby club that is being formed in that city should get in touch with Waldorf P. Libby 1211 N. 31st St. Mr. Libby may be reached also by telephone at West 1808.

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And doesn't this apply to the majority of objects of collections, too? Thomas A. Edison recently said, "To my mind the old masters are not art; their value is in their scarcity."

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Charles Brown, Toledo, Ohio, archaeologist, has added to his pre-historic collection an exhibit of various kinds of lamps which are said to date back to 6,000 B. C. He has called his collection "The Story of Light." It includes primitive lamps back to the stone lamps of antiquity.

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It was recently stated that anyone who made a collection of representative clippings from tabloid newspapers of today, with their lurid headlines, would bequeath a rare treasure to his descendants, because so

few collectors think of saving them.

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The largest ball of twine in Maine is that of Mrs. Clara Russell of Bucksport. It weighs eighteen and one-half pounds and is twenty-eight inches in diameter. She has been collecting it for twenty-three years.

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School teachers and parents have access to priceless treasures when it comes to collecting. Alexander Abingdon has just made a collection of data pertaining to schoolboy wisdom, or knowledge as it is sometimes written, compiled from classrooms and examination papers. It is said to be a rare compilation, and *HOBBIES* expects to list the publication among its books for sale soon.

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Among the Tutankhamen collection is an ostrich feather fan. The ostrich feather is a symbol of Justice, the emblem of the Egyptian goddess Thme. It was the feather which was placed in the balances to weigh against the naked heart of the deceased in the Court of Osiris, when the dead man had "gone west."

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HOBBIES is always glad to have newsy notes pertaining to inexpensive hobbies of collectors. If you have, or know of an inexpensive hobby that might suggest a means of relaxation to those who complain that hobbies involve the expenditures of large sums of money, please write the editor a brief note. Inexpen-

sive hobby suggestions are always welcome.

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We are indebted to the *Pathfinder* for this news pertaining to historical mementos.

"The latest unofficial census puts the number of President Hoover's teeth in local circulation at more than 200. For a time they retailed at several dollars each, but now they are going begging. The story of the sensational rise and fall of the Hoover molar market is this: Recently Mr. Hoover ('even as you and I') had trouble with his teeth, which probably accounted for glum pictures at the opening of the local baseball season. So he went to Walter Reed hospital, the soldier institution which administers to the White House family gratis, and underwent X-ray examination. The result was that several teeth had to come out, the exact number being in dispute. Money is scarce in the army and an alert orderly is said to have gathered up not only the Chief Executive's molars but the entire day's supply of extracts and sold them individually as historical mementos at 50 cents each. It was not long before the purchasers, scenting the condition of the relic market, were in turn retailing them for several dollars each. One local rumor had the President ordering the War Department to recover his teeth at any cost, but this was not substantiated. However, at last report the bottom had fallen out of the 'Hoover preferred' market at Walter Reed."

Museums

"Ole Man River"

Provision has been made to preserve historical events dealing with the Mississippi river in the "Mississippi River Room" in the Museum of Natural History and Industrial Arts in Memphis, Tenn.

The Value of a Museum

A MUSEUM is a storehouse of cultural treasure. In it are housed the evidences of man's progress. Each generation advances only because it builds on this past and goes beyond it.

Every community might well have a museum, however, small, to contribute towards the education of its citizens. We find the cities of the greatest advancement have the finest art and cultural treasures.

One of the strongest arguments on the side of the advantages of European travel is that such travel affords the opportunity to visit the treasure houses of culture on the Continent and the British Isles.

A community museum need not be a pretentious affair. Let Americana, Indian relics and collections of indigenous material be the nucleus of your museum. It may have its beginning in the town hall, the local library, even better, or some other available public buildings.

Many enterprising sections of the country are, however, alive to the advantages to be gained through the maintenance of these storehouses of knowledge, and new buildings for this purpose are constantly springing up here and there.

"Truth Is Stranger Than Fiction"

The Saint Johns, New Brunswick, Evening Times Globe recently carried an editorial pertaining to perhaps what is one of the world's strangest museums, that of a collection of "bursts." This collection is a part of the furnishings of the Man-

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chester Steam Users' Association. It was founded for the purpose of preventing steamboiler explosions by competent scientific inspection, and in the cellars of the offices of the association is to be seen this museum of burst boilers and metal testing machinery brought together from many sources and affording a most interesting history of the development and progress of boiler construction.

After the routine business of the association gatherings has been finished members often descend the steps of their club-rooms to view the twisted pipes and shattered boilers containing the bursts, and their study the various pieces of faulty construction and metallurgical analyses with deepest interest.

Each year brings new exhibits to this unique museum which is additional evidence of the wealth of thought and interest that lies in the most unlikely things.

A Collection of Tombstones

Some one has said that there is more perjury committed on tombstones than any place else in the world. However, a collection of Egyptian epitaphs collected by the late Edward E. Ayer and now on exhibition at the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago shows that the wording has remained almost unchanged in form throughout 4,000 years.

The museum collection contains fifty-two tablets, ranging in date from before 2000 B. C. down to the Christian period of Egypt's history. For the most part the carvings and paintings on the stones of the later periods are cruder in execution than those of early times, indicating the decadence of Egyptian art.

Some of the exhibited stones are from the graves of unknown persons and carved blank oblongs on them intended for the insertion of the name indicates that the cheaper tablets were produced in quantities as is done today.



THE Roanoke, Ill., High School has a museum in which is housed many curios, including geology and mineral specimen, Illinois by-products in raw and finished form, mollusca, Indian and pioneer relics, glass and pottery, war mementoes, coins, firearms, mounted birds and many other things of historical and current interest. In the hallways of the school are hung dozens of educational framed pictures, many of them being autographed by world-renowned men and women such as presidents, governors, authors, singers, Lindbergh, Byrd and others. This collection is sponsored by T. P. Pettigrew, curator, himself a hobbyist of several years standing. One corner in the main foyer of the high school building is used for the collection. We feel sure that Mr. Pettigrew would be glad to pass along more detailed information to those who are interested in building up a high school or community museum of similar nature.

Scientific Rarities in National Museum

The collections housed in the United States National Museum under the Smithsonian Institution represent an immensely valuable gathering of material, obtained over a period of approximately 83 years. Many objects are no longer obtainable in their natural state.

Great quantities of animals and parts of animals of all kinds, including man and his handiwork, geological specimens, plants, historical objects and industrial and technological materials are included in the interesting data. All material is carefully catalogued and stored in quarters where it is safe from deterioration and easily available for consultation and study.

Approximately 2,000,000 persons viewed the collections last year.

Constant research work is in progress by members of the staff of the Institution, by workers from other Government

departments and by visiting scientists from all over the world.

For Lincoln Relics

Lincolnia collectors who visit the Capitol in the future will have an opportunity of viewing a wonderful collection of material associated with the life of the great statesman. The old Ford Theater will house the cradle in which Lincoln's children were rocked, his wife's cookstove, and his own law office desk and chair among 4,000 items gathered together by the late Col. Osborn H. Oldroyd, and purchased by Congress for \$50,000.

Ford Gets Press

A proof press used by the Eaton Rapids Journal of Michigan, and which is believed to be over sixty years old, has been obtained by Henry Ford. Mr. Ford is said to have presented the Journal with a new press.

Summer Slump

"GLAD to see that you took a slam at the 'summer slump' bugaboo in your May editorials. There is no doubt but that such slumps recur each year. I have always figured, however, that the reason lay about 50-50 between the dealers and the hobby magazines. As far as the collectors are concerned I believe that summer business could be held within a few per cent of normal by combined activity of the dealers and publishers.

"Last summer I took a hand at it myself with 1,000 special summer circulars and the results were satisfactory, particularly taking the depression into account. I used the argument that some money could be diverted from customary summer pleasures and used to buy mineralogy specimens for study and enjoyment the following winter. Also most of the people have lower expenses and better incomes during the warmer months. Especially is this true of those who work at trades. Those people as well as others are usually in a better spending frame of mind during the summer months, than during the winter months. Granted that most of them do not have the time or inclination to study or classify specimens in the winter I appeal to them to buy the specimens during the summer and study them during the winter.

"Some magazines used to eliminate a couple of issues during the summer, and that didn't help matters any either. So I think killing the summer slump bugaboo is one to be highly commended.

"Good stunt also, as your editorial suggests, to chop off the delinquent subscribers. They will renew if they know that their subscriptions will be stopped. I surely admire the guts you have shown in putting this magazine over in such good style under the present business conditions. My admiration is the greater because I know full well how much of the same guts it has taken for me to keep going the past year and a half. Well, I remember one time—that I buried my diary and other information under heavy shell fire thinking we were "goners" only to find out that first division coming in to relieve us was the reason for the extra

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bombardment. So maybe relief is coming up now too."—*A. J. Harstad, The Gem Shop, Montana.*

A Minnesota Subscriber Writes

"I enjoy reading HOBBIES very much. I am a small collector for my own pleasure, and through your magazine, I find lots and learn a great deal."—*W. A. Hill, Minn.*

Better and Better

"The May issue of HOBBIES is surely a great improvement over the April issue, keep it up."—*A. Gunesch, Chicago.*

And So We Did

"I find HOBBIES O. K. but you can make it a lot better by cutting out the letters of congratulation. Let your advertising agents carry them around. Use this space for news or more ads. If a person likes or dislikes a magazine the letters of praise won't help one way or the other. The stock is another thing I don't like, and the same applies to the *National Geographic* and other magazines. The glare is blinding and the paper will never get mellow with age. It doesn't have the proper contrast with the dustheaps it gets its material from. Then the different colors for sections—O. K. for morons—perhaps collectors are in that category; but why be childish, use up your stock and confine yourself to white paper, glazed or unglazed, suit yourself, its your paper. I have patronized a dozen advertisers and mentioned HOBBIES; that is the best line of praise in your business. Quit patting yourself on the back, and get some one to correct MY ADDRESS BEFORE YOU FORGET ABOUT IT."—*Raymond J. Walker, N. Y.*

A Tennessee Note

"Accept my thanks for the first Nos. 1 and 2 copies of HOBBIES sent me. HOBBIES is different (It's great)!"—*T. R. Dykes, Tenn.*

"It is indeed a great satisfaction to be able to pick up a neat, clean and concisely arranged magazine which deals with some very interesting subjects, for after all we know that a hobby adds greatly to the spice of life."—*Warren J. Haberle, N. Y.*

A Salesman Should Know His Prospect's Hobby

By O. C. LIGHTNER

SALESMANSHIP like any other career requires specialized ability—and we are told that it can be acquired. Like all high callings it requires hard work, enthusiasm and knowledge. Knowledge is the most important factor in the making of a successful salesman. This does not mean mere education. It includes a knowledge of the product, the firm, the territory, the competitors, but most significantly, knowledge of the prospect. The more you know about these things, the more intelligently you will go about your job of selling. Studying the prospect as a human being is of utmost importance. One good approach is to learn what a prospective customer is interested in.

Let us be practical about it. Sum up your own business friends and social acquaintances. Are you not interested in those who share your interests? It is only natural that you should be. Have not you preferred to do business with certain individuals rather than with others? Analyse your taste and you will find that this subtle factor of common interests motivates your preference. Look at it critically. You are interested in A let us say, because he is interesting—why? You are, consciously or unconsciously interested in the things which interest him. Vice versa, you call B a bore. He is interested in things which do not in the least amuse you.

Now then, the salesman, whether he sells bonds, yard goods or coffee, succeeds by his knowledge of the prospect in hand, plus his ability to sell himself. And this ability to sell himself depends largely upon the common bond of interests.

Finding the common bond of interest may be ascertained by inquiring before making the call just what the prospect is interested in. It may be collecting oriental rugs or bronze elephants or photography, or any of the other things with

which a business man diverts himself. Whatever it is, make it your business to learn something about your prospect's interests and then let him talk. After you have mutually discussed hobbies the customer is generally in a more receptive frame of mind. Once you have broken the ice in this fashion it is easy to proceed.

Some salesmen have found at a very early stage in selling that they can do their best business on the golf links or over the dinner table at the town club. For this reason many of the large financial houses and manufacturing establishments give memberships in clubs to their more promising salesmen. Sales resistance is

lowered in a more congenial frame of mind.

To the salesman who is not fortunate enough to have the club memberships, the same principle applies. A congenial frame of mind is induced easiest by congenial subjects. It is perhaps this same idea that motivates the jokes and humorous stories that most salesmen have in their repertoires.

Of signal importance is the common bond of interest that can be aroused in the prospective customer. Many times as a reaction from the humdrum monotony of routine, the business man turns perforce to an avocation. When he finds you interested in the same hobby, he reverts to the subject as a welcome change. Show any spark of interest or enthusiasm in this field and the fort is yours.

Naturally there is a right and wrong way to approach this subject of hobbies. There are times when these topics may be brought up and times when they should be avoided. A salesman through his many contacts learns when to turn most diplomatically to such subjects. Generally it is not good method to introduce the sub-

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By initiating yourself into the mysteries of other people's avocations, you yourself grow to be more interesting. Even though you are not actually a "hobbyist" yourself, your horizon broadens with the knowledge you gain from the sports of others.

A Unique Collection of Stones in Clintonville, Wis.



Courtesy Wausau (Wis.) Record-Herald. Photographs W. I. La Certe

It is believed that at no point in the United States is there assembled a more unique collection of stones than the collection in Central Park at Clintonville, Wis. The stone pictured here came from the North road out of Jerusalem and authorities, after much research work, believe it possible that this is the slab on which Christ sat on his journey from the Holy City to the Gethsemane Gardens.

From New York State

"I am very much pleased with the make-up of *HOBBIES*, and wish you all success in the publication of this very interesting magazine."—*L. C. Snyder, N. Y.*

"I am delighted with the new publication. It fills a long felt want and I predict a brilliant future for it. Please accept my congratulations."—*Geo. L. Tucker, N. Y.*

HELPED BALK TARTARS IN 300 B. C.

Here is a section of the great Chinese wall built in the Third century before Christ. Permission to remove it was given by Sun Yat-Sen, the first president of the Chinese republic and who died shortly after the stones and bricks were smuggled from China.

AT WORK BEFORE CLINTONVILLE WAS FOUNDED

This millstone, weighing approximately four tons, was used to grind grain in the first grist mill in that section of Wisconsin. The mill was situated on Pigeon river at a point that is now in the heart of Clintonville.

UNUSUAL HOBBIES

This department carries news of novel collections. We will give \$5.00 each month for the story of the most unusual hobby that is submitted to us. If you have an unusual hobby collection, or know of one, do not fail to suggest it to the Prize Editor. News pertaining to inexpensive unusual collections is especially desired.

Prize Award

THIS month's prize for the most unusual hobby goes to Mr. Joseph Ringeisen, Jr., Milwaukee, Wis. Mr. Ringeisen owns the most important collection of bird stones in the world.

One of the queer things about bird stones is that no one seems to know what they are or why they were made, but prehistoric man is apparently their creator. Scientists are of the opinion, however, that they originated in Indiana, Ohio and Michigan and were brought through tribal migration to Wisconsin, where several have been found. The composition used most commonly in these odd objects is either the plain or banded variety of slate. Sometimes bird stones have been found made from porphyry or granite.

Some archaeologists believe, because of perforations which are at the base of bird-stones, that they were used presumably for fastening to something else, possibly canoes, flutes, pipes or batons.

Mr. Ringeisen has collected bird stones for approximately twenty-seven years and owns fifty-eight in all. There are only 600 known specimens in existence and many of these are now the property of museums.

Scrapbooks

A. C. Miller of Enterprise, Ore., makes a hobby of keeping scrapbooks of colored pictures taken from magazine covers. One set of picture stories consists of covers from *The Saturday Evening Post*. They are pasted in well bound books with heavy paper. An interesting afternoon can be spent looking through these books and reading in your own interpretation.

—Sent in by Nanne Henry Heaton, Ore.

Historical and Exciting

A collection of newspaper clippings of the deaths of gangsters, whether by execution, gang warfare, or otherwise forms a most interesting assortment of data. A 50 cent scrap book will hold several hundred clippings which will make an unusual history of gangster activities.

—Sent in by M. M. Turlington, Jr., Okla.

Behold the Prophets!

While many hobbies require one to purchase or slowly acquire special equipment, or to travel far afield in search of novelty—which is just what its devotees wish to do—here is one that requires not one cent of investment, assuming that one reads a daily newspaper, or a weekly news digest.

It is the "Prophecy Hobby. It consists in watching with a hawk's eye for anything amounting to a forecast of any nature, clipping it out of the paper, dating it, and filing it in such a way that the fulfillment or non-fulfillment of the prophecy can later be noted.

If someone says we are going to have a rainy winter, cut it out. If another person says that Turkey is going to war against Syria, cut it out. Of course you will find plenty of other people doing this professionally, especially in connection with political campaigns. But you will be surprised, if you take the Prophecy Hobby seriously, how many prophets there are in your community—and how often the event proves them to be wrong.

Should you be statistically inclined, you could estimate in the form of a ratio the chances of the fulfillment of the prophecy, and compare the result afterwards with the ratio given by mere chance. You might further test the habitual prophets—

and confront them with their past utterances on some future occasion. You might even jot down your own guesses alongside the prophecies of others, and test your judgment by that means. In any case, it costs nothing and it's lots of fun.

—Sent in by Paul D. Hugon, Calif.

It was on one of my vacations, that I had the idea that hotel stationery should make a great collection. It has, and also takes many of my spare moments as a hobby.

By saving all the envelopes and writing paper I could get that summer, it made quite an array. Since then I've enlarged the set so that it represents quite a few hotels, not only in the States but also many foreign ones. By writing to hotels abroad one can obtain various samples. The envelope and the writing paper are all that are desired.

It is really surprising, what a fine collection and array all the different size and colored envelopes make.

—Sent in by Nelson "Nel" Sonn, N. Y.

Save broken chinaware, br'c-a-brac and mantle ornaments. From this collection of dishes, and other china articles, with their gayly colored flowers and unique designs, interesting flower pots and jardinières may be made. Broken china pieces that are too large may be further fragmented, and the morsels put together over a tin pail or large tin can with putty to form a quaint mosaic, much like the crazy-quilt patterns of old, and a most beautiful china receptacle for flowers or plants results.

—Sent in by C. M. Litteljohn, Wash.

I wish to inform you of two odd hobbies of my employer, I. S. Seidman, N. Y.

One is a very fine collection of old store and business cards. The store cards were issued in the early 1800's and until about 1870 were made of all kinds of metal. Then about the period of the 60's, the colored cards varieties were introduced. They are all sizes and shapes. Mr. Seidman has quite a few thousand varieties and many large concerns still doing business are represented amongst them.

The other collection is a large variety

of old business checks, some of which issued by the Bank of the United States of Philadelphia go as far back as 1790. The checks around the period of 1850 to 1890 were beautifully engraved with all kinds of designs. Some containing prominent signatures.

Both of the above collections have been assembled from all parts of the country.

—Sent in by J. L. Deutsch, N. Y.

Last year we made a motor tour of the United States, traveling from California to New York by the southern route and returning by the northern.

Every meal during the four months was prepared in camp, naturally our grocery needs were supplied in a different town or city each day.

I found it a very interesting hobby to make a collection of bread wrappers. The name of the bread and the town in which it was baked was cut from each wrapper and pasted in a scrapbook. My book boasts over a thousand entries. As well as making an interesting collection, we get much pleasure from going through the book and reviving memories of camping places and happy days.

—Sent in by Betty Gray Bowling, Calif.

A most interesting hobby, and one that I follow, is the collecting of newspaper and magazine titles.

In this hobby, one has the whole world from which to collect, and how interesting it is to find the title of a publication that has ceased to exist. Some titles become rarer as the years pass on.

A collection of a series of some particular daily or weekly paper gives a good delineation of the trend of thought of the time in that part of the world where publication was made.

Reading newspapers from distant parts of the world is most enlightening too. Every publication of this sort shows a distinct individuality which is shared by no other paper, for each reflects the character of the man who edits it.

—Sent in by Joseph Derfus, Wis.



From Our Scrapbook File

"The news that the autograph of Button Gwinnett, a Georgia signer of the Declaration of Independence, is about the most highly valued human signature in the collector's market occasioned a great rummaging among old papers. We mentioned a few months ago the discovery of a previously unknown autograph of Gwinnett's, and now we learn that another has been found among some family papers stored in an outbuilding at Mamaroneck, N. Y. The papers are the property of Mr. John C. Clay, to one of whose ancestors the letter in question, signed by John Hancock and a committee of five members of the Continental Congress, was addressed. Only two days after the autograph was found the building in which it had lain so many years was burned to the ground."

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"Those who are famous have learned to regard the pursuing crowds of autograph hunters as one of the necessary burdens of celebrity. A correspondent sends me an amusing instance of a hunter's persistent demand for Wing-Commander Kingsford-Smith's signature. At Washington a woman presented herself, on his arrival at the British Embassy, and produced a letter of introduction from the airman's brother in Australia. She explained that she wished to get the flyer's signature to a petition to Congress. She was headed off, but when the airman a little later visited the Capitol there was the woman, lurking in a corridor. When the Congressional reception was over he surveyed the neighborhood, and finding that the coast was clear, motored to the aerodrome for the return flight to New York with a light heart. His dismay was

intense on finding that the woman had gone ahead, and was waiting with pen upraised. His last glimpse of her was as she struggled with a policeman as if to chase the aeroplane."

A Monograph on Autograph Collecting

Charles K. Wadham of Pittsfield, Mass., recently prepared a monograph upon his experience as a collector of autographs. The monograph was presented as a pamphlet and issued upon the writer's eightieth birthday.

Mr. Wadham said in the foreword that it was his intention to leave his collection to an art museum or library.

The opening pages of the pamphlet also discusses methods of securing autographs and mentions the instruction and gratification derived from the process of securing such favors from celebrated people. His aim, says Mr. Wadham, has been to possess through his own contact as many signatures as possible of interesting people who lived in his own lifetime. Mr. Wadham seeks the autographs of the living through personal visits or letter. Looking back over his earliest endeavors, covering a period of more than sixty years, he says that the memory of personal contacts made and the interesting episodes which occurred, take on a value quite as great as that of the signature themselves.

Many an autograph collector will envy some of these signatures of distinguished people who appear in Mr. Wadham's collection.

John G. Whittier, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, James Russell Lowell, Thomas Hughes, Ralph Waldo Emerson, John Tyndall,

Autographs and What They Tell

By M. N. BUNKER, *Grapho-Analyst*

"AND David danced before the Lord with all his might;" 2 Sam. 6:14. Through all the ages the dance has been interpretative. It is the mourning of primitive tribes, and their means of expression of joy. It is the triumphal expression, and the physical evidence of sorrow. It belongs to no one people, but to every race, and is found in every corner of the world.

This signature of Ted Shawn shows something of the literary turn of the man's nature, but predominating, sweeping everything else aside we have the poise of graceful lines in motion. There is great concentration here, and music—especially interpretation or understanding of music. There is enduring determination, and sweeping enthusiasm held in check. There is exactness, and poise giving place to emotion.

On the other hand Mme. Sylvia Tell, danseuse tells us of vast emotional force, sweeping everything ahead of it; suffering intensely, enjoying in the same way. There is love of books, and there is self-reliance here. There is tenacity. Such a writer does not give up easily, but clings to that which is their source of enthusiasm. There is no giving up, no fading out of the spirit to do things.

There is a good memory here, and a careful attention to details. Mme. Tell chooses her friends very, very, carefully indeed — but she likes folks everywhere.

All of these traits show in these two autographs. They interpret the individuals, just as your own writing interprets you—your talents, your

ambitions, your purposes and heart-longings.

The writer of these paragraphs will give you a test grapho-analysis of your handwriting upon receipt of ten cents in silver or stamps, and a self-addressed and stamped envelope. Address your communication to M. N. Bunker, American Institute of Grapho-Analysis, Reliance Building, Kansas City, Mo.

Sleuth's Job Says German Collector

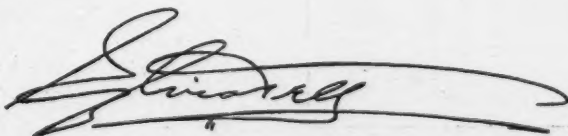
Some time ago when Dr. Paul Gottshalk, Germany, was in America on his ninetieth trip, to lay before libraries and private collectors the treasures he has unearthed in out-of-the corners of Europe, he related an instance of the problems that confront the book and autograph detective, which is of interest to autograph collectors in particular.

"I had a letter of Handel, the composer, to his brother, discussing the death of their mother," said he. "Handel's signature is the rarest of any of the composers. The signature and the last few words had been torn off my letter, doubtless by somebody who appreciated their worth.

"Years later, a collector died in Leipzig, and his collection was put up for auction. I inspected the catalogue, and found an item; 'Small piece of paper with a few words and signature.' I sent an agent to bid for me. The scrap of paper was Handel's name, and it fitted in exactly the hole in the letter." Showing

Cordially yours,

A stylized, flowing autograph of Ted Shawn, written in dark ink. The signature is cursive and elegant, with a long, sweeping horizontal line at the end.

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how times have changed, and how the cost of collecting has soared, Dr. Gottshalk said that some years ago the original ninth symphony of Beethoven was sold for something like \$4, and the fifth symphony for a two-spot.

The idea of copyright, usually considered a modern device, is nothing of the sort, stated the collector. He has a book printed in England in 1519 by one Hormen, apparently a text book in Latin and English, which avows on its flyleaf that anybody reprinting said book will be prosecuted. Another rarity in his possession is a first edition of a bull issued by Pope Alexander VI to Ferdinand and Isabella, anent the discoveries by Christopher Columbus. The bull gives everything west of a line in the ocean to Spain and everything east to Portugal.

Ad Results

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A Protective Association

WE ask all our readers who are interested in an Approval Dealers' Association, to please write us. Some of the advertisers have suggested that there is a crying need for a dealers' association embracing all the unorganized branches of the collecting industry. The stamp dealers have a protective association. The firearms dealers, we understand, also exchange credit experiences. There are several branches, however, who do business by shipping on approval without any form of protection. It is true that almost anyone will demand bank reference but lots of time that means nothing. Some dealers have pointed out there ought to be a dealers' protective association open to those branches of the industry not presently organized so that warnings and credit information can be disseminated to all the members.

Please write us if you are interested so that we can get a line on how many would become members. Give us your idea of the mode of operation and the dues to be charged.

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ject of hobbies immediately, during the first interview. It is better to wait until the salesman and customer are better acquainted. Whenever you bring up the subject of hobbies it is important that you will be well informed upon the topic. On the whole, it is better to talk about the purpose of the call and use the hobby later. The more you know, the more facts you possess, the more intelligently will you go about the job of selling. All this helps to make the contacts more agreeable and the business more profitable.

One very fine thing about delving into other people's hobbies is that the more you learn the more you grow. For example, if you know about hobbies of one sort and your next prospective customer is interested in another it becomes easy for you to make a transition. For while every hobby may have its own technicalities it becomes easy after a time to have a general knowledge of most of them by knowing a few well. Then too, by initiating yourself into the mysteries of other people's avocations, you yourself grow to be more interesting. Even though you are not actually a "hobbyist" yourself, your horizon broadens with the knowledge you gain from the sports of others.

Through these hobbies you gain a knowledge of men which is invaluable in your sales work. Your intelligent and congenial approach to the not so promising prospect will lead you to success. And one success leads to another.

Twenty-year Collection Burns

Stamps, pistols, coins, Indian relics, badges, minerals, fossils, war relics, books, papers, curios and oddities belonging to Charles Cawthorne of Clinton, Neb., were recently destroyed by fire.

Mr. Cawthorne assembled these pieces over a period of twenty years, and their intrinsic worth was approximately \$2,000.

Manuscripts submitted must be sent at the author's risk. We cannot be responsible for the return of material that carries insufficient postage.



Stamp Collecting

Tiny Republic's People Make Discovery

The Chicago Tribune Press Service released the following story recently concerning the stamp activities in the smallest and highest republic on the face of the globe. Andorra is an independent republic between France and Spain. Its territory comprises only 175 square miles and its population is 5,000.

UP here is the smallest and highest republic on the face of the globe they have discovered something the rest of the world doesn't know yet—the sinister international force which moves governments like chess pawns, declares wars, and signs treaties. It isn't the oil people, the communications' interests, the bolsheviks, or J. P. Morgan—it's the stamp collectors.

I learned this from the country's authorities. The president of the republic whom I interviewed walking down the road beside an ox cart confirmed it in the guarded manner befitting a responsible chief of state; the vice-president whom I nailed digging an irrigation ditch in his field declared he could produce papers from the Andorrah government archives to prove it; but it was Benito Mas, rugged red whiskered son of a fighting old smuggler and leader of the Independence party in the Andorran council, or parliament, who unfolded for me the whole fantastic yarn of Andorra's exploitation by philatelic racketeers.

A Slick Swiss

It was a slick Swiss named Weilenmann who first got the idea there was big money in Andorran stamps. Speculators in the past had cleaned up in other small countries like San Marino, where trick issues have special value, but Weilenmann's scheme was more ambitious. He planned to buy from the Andorran general council the concession for running the country's whole mail system and controlling the printing of the stamps himself.

This was a couple of years ago when Andorra had no stamps of its own, ordinary French or Spanish stamps being used on

foreign mail—when there was any. Weilenmann, through a Swiss clergyman, secured the co-operation of the bishop of Le Seo de Urgell, Spanish co-prince of Andorra, and the cooperation of the bishop of Le Seo de Urgell, Spanish co-prince of Andorra, and sion for two weeks. At the last minute the deal fell through owing to a squabble over the payment of the 20,000 pesetas.

Spanish philatelists had heard of the scheme, however, and through the bishop got the Spanish government to take over the mails and print special Andorran stamps, on the first issues of which big money was made.

Independent Office

The Andorrans were furious. Although they have a Spanish co-prince they refuse to recognize any right of control on the part of the Spanish government, and in all their history no foreign nation had ever before meddled so directly in Andorra's private affairs. The first step of the mountaineers was to appeal to their French co-prince, President Doumergue, whom they regarded as traditional defender against Spanish interference.

Did the stamp collectors get to President Doumergue, too? Andorra still has too much respect for her former champion to make the accusation out loud, but the fact remains that instead of ordering Spain out of Andorra, France concluded a special treaty with its neighbor to the south whereby both countries will maintain independent postal offices in Andorra. In a short while the French will start issuing special stamps on their own hook.

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Plan Now for Memphis!

A CITY with a past rich in historic lore will greet the American Philatelic Society when its members gather for their 1931 convention in Memphis, September 14-18. Memphis presents a varied picture of colorful legend and tradition of a scene associated with the earliest explorations by white men in America—a picture full of marvelous events in the march of civilization across the Western Continent.

In DeSoto Park, near the great Indian mound built untold generations back, is a memorial, consisting of a ledge of rough granite with bronze tablets thereon, containing these inscriptions:

"Near this spot Hernando DeSoto discovered the Mississippi River in May, 1541.

"When first visited by the white man, this spot was the site of the fortress of Chisca, the chief of the Indian tribe which inhabited this region, and whose principal village stood a short distance eastward. The nearby eminences are mounds which were constructed by aboriginal inhabitants and are of unknown antiquity.

"The Chisca mound was utilized in 1863 during the Civil War as an artillery redoubt and magazine fortress, Fort Pickering, and the top of the mound was excavated for that purpose."

The slab was unveiled 10 years ago in the presence of Senor Don Emilio Zapico, special representative of the former, King Alfonso and Queen Victoria.

Landmarks of 175 years ago are here to this day. There is the first mansion, a mile beyond the city limits, on the Pidgeon Roost Road, the home of Pinckney Bethell, an immensely rich planter, who came here from Louisiana. And down at Washington Boulevard still stands that ramshackle remnant, the antebellum home

Memphis will have much to offer the American Philatelic Society when it convenes there September 14-18.

For Memphis is rich in historic interest. It was at this point that Hernando DeSoto, intrepid Spanish soldier and explorer, first discovered the great river that has played so large a part in this history and upbuilding of the city.

Here also DeSoto and Chisca, chief of the Indian Tribe that once inhabited this part of the country, met in solemn conclave in 1541. So far as history records this was the beginning of conventions in Memphis.

of Gen. Smith P. Bankhead, soldier, lawyer and editor.

The country embracing Memphis was taken into the Union in June, 1796, as a part of the State of Tennessee. Later the Spanish governor of Louisiana, General Gayoso, erected a fort called Fort Barances on the peninsula formed by the junction of Wolf River, in today's manufacturing district, and the Mississippi River, and sought to take possession of the ter-

ritory which is now the city of Memphis. The Spanish troops abandoned the attempt on the arrival of Capt. Issac Guion, first American commander to assume control of the Chickasaw Bluffs. Captain Guion built Fort Adams, which rapidly grew to an important trading post.

In 1861 a new flag floated on the bluffs which had in turn owed allegiance to the standards of Spain, France, England and the Stars and Stripes of the United States. Now it was the Stars and Bars of the Confederacy to which Memphis pledged fealty. Following a gunboat battle on the river in front of Memphis, which drew hundreds of men, women and children to the bluffs to see the "naval encounter," the federal forces were victorious. Gen. William T. Sherman took command of the city.

During the Federal occupancy, Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest, gallant Confederate cavalry leader, known as "The Wizard of the Saddle," made a daring night raid. He rode his horse into the Gayoso Hotel, headquarters of the Federal commanding officer. This is a favorite story with the few survivors of Forrest's cavalry command.

Known most widely for its pre-eminence in the world's markets of cotton and hardwood, Memphis, at the crossroads of the



Sunset on the Mississippi at Memphis from behind the Twin Bridges which carry four railroad and five national highway routes across the great river to the West.

South, has an equal claim to reputation as a center of transportation and distribution, and among those who visit it, as a

city of natural beauty with a system of parks and parkways few cities in the nation can surpass.

LOOKING FORWARD

The commemorative postage stamp has become a considerable chore for the Postmaster General. Four such stamps suffice in any ordinary year, but Postmaster General Brown may have to turn out five times that number in 1932. And he also has 1931 troubles.

The George Washington Bicentennial and the Olympic games to be held in Los Angeles, each call for a series of stamps, not to mention other events with claim to commemoration.

With only three engravers qualified to do the highly technical job of making stamp plates, the Postmaster General said he might have to turn for additional engravers to the commercial money-making field, United States concerns that engrave paper moneys for certain foreign governments. They know the technique of intricate infinitesimal scrolls.

Twelve stamps have been definitely promised to celebrate the Two Hundredth Anniversary of Washington's birth. On

these, the Postmaster General has struck snags.

"Our first idea was to run portraits of Washington at different significant periods of his life," he said. "But the collected portraits of Washington bore too little family resemblance.

"One of them looked like John Jacob Raskob.

"We didn't want to send out stamps supposedly Washington and have people writing us we were mistaken. So the series we are now designing will include only easily recognizable portraits, and some scenes from his career."

The Postmaster General said that, in so far as mechanical difficulties could be surmounted, he would supply the Olympic series. Other countries, holding the games, have issued a series of six.

Pulaski, the Red Cross and Cornwallis's surrender constitute the 1931 list to date, with twenty applicants contending for fourth place.

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Stamps Collection Remembered in Unusual Will

When Harvey G. Woodward, Birmingham capitalist died recently at his vacation home in Bath, Me., quite a little attention was drawn to his will in which he bequeathed an estate of 7½ million dollars to establish a series of "progressive" schools for boys in Alabama and other parts of the South.

Mr. Woodward had no children, but he had the interest of the young at heart, and his will is an expression of that fact. He had a hobby of collecting postage and revenue stamps and he left a valuable collection of these two items which he specified should be kept fifty years and then sold and the proceeds to be given to the schools which he established.

New Issue

On May 23 the new U. S. two-cent Red Cross commemorative stamp was put on sale at the Washington D. C. Post Office. Supplies are to be distributed to postmasters through the country. The stamp is printed in black and red, and bears a kneeling figure.

Rumor says that the issue will approximate 9,000,000 but this is entirely unofficial and may vary either way. The stamp has every appearance of a Red Cross Christmas seal, but is a regular stamp issue of the Post Office Department to be used for postal service. The Red Cross Society does not benefit in any way as far as receipts on the sale of the stamps are concerned. The American Red Cross Association's work is carried on entirely by subscription from the American public.

Hoosier State Stamp Club

The third annual Tri-State Meeting of the Indiana Stamp Club was scheduled for June 13 and 14 at the Hotel Lockerbie, Indianapolis. This club which has a membership of more than seventy-five claims to be one of the largest in the United States, and the annual meetings are rapidly becoming an event among the stamp collectors. A banquet, auction and exhibit were on the program.

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In the meantime the Spanish combine has found ordinary Andorran stamps are getting too common to have much value, so they have started issuing trick denominations in limited number.

The latest issue is of 10 peseta stamps. Ten pesetas is about a dollar and when I asked the postmaster at the capital, Andorra-La-Vieja, what these stamps were good for, he said they were handy on air mail to South America and added they were greatly prized by collectors.

On top of all this a philatelic ring in Barcelona has muscled in and secured from the Spanish and French governments permission to run an airmail line to Andorra. A special convention had to be drawn up between the two countries to make this possible. The airmail service was supposed to have started March 1, and when I got down here the first thing I started looking for was the landing field.

No Landing Field

I crossed the country from one border to the other—on foot or by mule back a good part of the way—and found nowhere a site where anything larger than a mountain goat would care to do any serious landing. The Andorreans, of course, are no more interested in airmail service to Barcelona than they would be in a similar service to Kamchatka. The company has not started its line yet, because they are still looking for a pilot who will undertake the job of landing and taking off again up in one of these canyons.

When they find him they will load the plane up with letters bearing the special Andorran airmail stamps the Spanish printing office is already preparing and duly inaugurate the first and last airline between Andorra and the outside world.

As far as can be learned this single flight, outside of the profits realized on the stamps, will be the only tangible result of months of solemn negotiations between high powered diplomats of two great European nations.

Stamp collectors are not the only racketeers exploiting Andorra. The fact that France is planning to issue a special currency for Andorra suggests that the trick coin men may also be bringing pressure to bear.

A Weird Racket

A particularly weird racket being practiced up here is the sale of altars from the dozens of half ruined shrines tucked away in odd corners of the mountains. They had been crumbling away for years without any one thinking anything about it until a shrewd antiquarian made a trip up here and discovered that these old altar pieces were treasures of medieval Catalan religious art. He bought a couple of them from the bishop of La Seo and carried them out of the country, although a fierce howl of protest went up from the whole Andorran people and women with rifles tried to stand guard over the church. Now the bishop has announced that other altars are in the market.

The Andorrans are fed up with being the prey for all sort of racketeers. They have small hope the Spanish republican government will help them. Their demand addressed to the two co-princes for a re-definition of Andorra's international status has met with a flat refusal and they are now trying to find some way of bringing the matter before the league of nations.

"If nobody will listen to us," declares Mas, "we will declare ourselves independent of the two co-princes and defy France and Spain to clamp a blockade around our borders as they did in 1881. If they do this we will pack up our belongings, leave our homes and march down into the plains, thus wiping Andorra off the map as a national unity."

The president, Roc Palleres Rossell, was more optimistic.

"I am sure Britain and the United States will not let France and Spain trample us in the dust," he said. "Maybe even the stamp collectors will step in at the last moment to save our independence so they can go on selling stamps. They seem to be able to get the French and Spanish governments to do anything they want so maybe they will issue the order to go easy on us."

Harding Memorial Dedication

On June 16, President Hoover is scheduled to dedicate the Harding Memorial Museum at Marion, Ohio. Special memorial cachets and 2 cent Harding memorial stamps, on each cover will be supplied to each applicant who submits 10 cents. Applicants must furnish their own standard No. 5 self-addressed envelopes. The proceeds will be used for the maintenance of the Harding Home and Museum.

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Stamp Swindler

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"Alleged to have swindled many stamp collectors out of rare stamps valued at thousands of dollars during the last five years, J. Franklin Johnson, Negro, who is said to have operated under forty-one aliases in large cities from coast to coast, was arrested recently in a rooming house in Philadelphia.

"According to postal inspectors, who made the arrest, Johnson swindled some of the leading philatelists in the country. In his room was found a sack containing hundreds of stamps, many of them valuable.

"Johnson was held in \$2,500 bail for the Federal Grand Jury by United States Commissioner Howard Patterson today.

"A. T. Hawkesworth, postal inspector, said that Johnson sold many of the stamps he obtained from collectors, but saved some of the rarer ones for his own collection.

"Authorities said that Johnson is one of the most remarkable characters ever listed in the records of the postal inspectors. His system had been so successful that for five years authorities were unable to capture him. He was arrested when trapped by a registered letter.

"Johnson, it was said, established mailing addresses in the large cities, using a different alias in each place. He advertised in stamp collectors' publications that he paid the highest prices for valuable stamps and referred collectors to one or more of his aliases.

"When references were sought the letters were forwarded to Johnson, who would write a favorable reference for himself and send the letter to the city to which the inquiry had been sent. There it was mailed to the inquiring collector, who as a rule, promptly sent the stamp to Johnson. That was the last the collector heard of Johnson, who, upon receiving the stamps, sold them, sometimes for high prices."

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The Stamp Collectors

Editorial from the Tacoma (Wash.) Ledger

COLLECTING something or other may be a fad, but provided the collecting is done with discretion it is a fad that not only is harmless but of positive benefit. Of course the person who makes collections of Pullman towels or hotel spoons may be regarded as something of a nuisance, but of course such people are without the pale and one does not see such banded together in a recognized association or society such as is the Tacoma Philatelic Society.

No one, whether a millionaire collector of rare works of art or the school boy or girl who collects postage stamps, but has a fad, if that it may be called, that not only gives pleasure through the pursuit of an object in life, but which, if intelligently directed, leads to a better knowledge of the world because of the interest naturally created through the possession of something coming from some distant place or country.

There are postage stamps so rare as to command almost fabulous prices from collectors. Some stamps are of exceeding value because of the light they throw upon history so far back as almost to be regarded as an antiquity, and there are stamps which recall past regimes so long out of power as to be almost forgotten except by earnest delvers in history.

Anything that will lead one to take up and persistently follow something, the pursuit of which could not be harmful to others, but which adds an interest to life too often humdrum, is good, for especially in the case of the collector of postage stamps, persistency is essential and persistency is an invaluable factor in the

mental makeup of man, woman or child.

It would surprise one who has never enjoyed the delights of collecting, to note the vast number of people intensely interested in the making of stamp collections. Visitors to the stamp show will discover collections made by school boys and girls and collections made by bankers, lawyers, physicians, business men and in fact people of diverse ages and all classes of life. The Tacoma Philatelic Society is a strong and growing organization and it is declared that this season's exhibition will exceed all previous "shows" in the great range and variety of the exhibits.

A Hoosier Communication

"I have my April copy of your excellent magazine, and enjoy it very much. This publication should be brought to the attention of every collector, everywhere. I don't see how any, with a dollar to spare, could resist subscribing. Get it on the newstands by all means, as otherwise so many will never know of it and thereby lose a great kick that they would be eager to pay for."—C. W. Cooperider, Ind.

From Down East

"I received the copy of the April, 1931 HOBBIES, and am amazed at the capacity you have for managing so many exacting subjects in the creditable way you do. Here-with, find check for \$3.00 to cover three subscription for 1931. If you feel like sending along a few extra copies of No. 2, I think I can place them where they will bring you business."—Frank J. Wilder, Mass.

PRECANCELS

By ADOLPH GUNESCH

Contributions are always welcome. Kindly address the Precancel Department when writing.

Why Collect Precancels?

WHY should a stamp collector collect precancels? In answer to this question we present the following reason:

1. A set of precancels is very pretty. The new series stamps in themselves are ideal in their beauty. The Golden Gate, Niagara Falls, Chief Hollow Horn Bear and the other pictures notable in American history all present very attractive displays. And when these stamps are canceled with a clear, bold face Universal Style 1 type, there is no stamp that excels in beauty. The cancellations on the stamps are usually plain and easily readable. One knows just what city used that particular stamp.

2. A second and more important reason why precancel collecting is a very desirable hobby, is the fact that it is comparatively inexpensive. The "garret" or "attic" is now a thing of the past in regular U. S. and foreign postage. In precancels each day's mail is the precancel collector's "garret." A parcel containing a book may be franked with a 12 cent St. Paul, another article may be sent to the collector under cover of a 7 cent Grand Forks, valued at 35 or 40 cents. Every store obtains a number of precancels each day. They are yours for the asking unless some other collector gets there first.

Then again, those that you cannot pick up yourself can be purchased at a reasonable cost. A dollar bill will bring you many nice precancels for your collection. You need not pay 10 dollars or 15 dollars for a single item.

3. Another advantage possessed by the precancel collector is his opportunity to specialize. Precancels indeed offer a splendid opportunity to the original collector—the man possessed of the ingenuity to form a collection entirely different from any other. State specialist, Bureau Print specialist, Coil specialist, Fractional specialist, Harding specialist, Postage Due specialist are abundant. Then again we

have the general collector who wishes to garner every new item.

The above are just a few of the more outstanding reasons why Precancels have proven to be so popular.

Chicago Precancel Club

This club is branch No. 3 of the Precancel Stamp Society. Very enthusiastic meetings are held on the first and third Thursday of each month at the Severn Memorial room, 105 N. Clark Street, at 7:30 P.M. Chicagoans who collect precancelled stamps, or who are interested in this fine hobby are cordially invited to attend the meetings. For further information write the Secretary, Milton Freese, 4926 N. Damen Avenue, Chicago.

Precancel Prices

The highest price a precanceled stamp ever sold for is \$250. This was the 6 cent New Orleans Experimental Bureau Print, issued by the government in 1916. Ten thousand copies were overprinted of this particular stamp, but only six are known to exist. Perhaps you have one among your accumulation? Undoubtedly this stamp will advance further as the time goes on.

The Tacoma Stamp Exhibition

The eighth Exhibition of the Tacoma Philatelic Society, held at Tacoma, Wash., April 25 and 26, included an unusually fine lot of precancels. There were more than a dozen exhibitors of precancels.

Wernstrom's exhibit of California types was especially interesting. According to his statement, there are now 151 California towns using precancels, of which he showed types from 126. There are of course several types from quite a number of these

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The Bargain House For Precancels

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towns, so that it required about 200 stamps for this exhibit.

Soden's Flying Squadron Idea went over big, and it was an education in itself. Here were ideas for a dozen specialized collections. On one sheet was a nice lot of bars and other old timers; on another, some beautiful typesets: a page of doubles; another of plate breaks; and one of "teasers," those hard-to-get but fascinating odd values, special deliveries and what-not. And there was everything else from a fantastic pot-pourri of art and apple greens to the finest bureau collection on earth. It was a wonderful show and a fine crowd.

Mounting Precancels

The *Plainfield, (N. J.) Courier News* offered this advice recently to its Junior precancel collectors. It seems worthy of following:

"How best to mount precancels is the question often raised by junior collectors. Perhaps an idea of what to guard against will help most. First, do not mount your precancels by denominations; that is, do not mount all of your 1-cent stamps on one page, all of your 2's on the second and so on. The chief objection to this denominational method is that when your collection grows to good size proportions, you will have difficulty in finding stamps you would like to show, and in making additions you would have to search page after page, examining each stamp. A second method generally found to be unsatisfactory is that of mounting precancels alphabetically by cities instead of States. The method generally conceded the best is that of mounting them alphabetically by States and then by cities within the States. This method is used in the Standard Precancel Catalog. For example, from a group of miscellaneous precancels including Birmingham, Ala., Newark, N. J., Anderson, Ind., we suggest you mount them by placing Birmingham first on the Alabama page, Anderson on the Indiana page and Newark on the New Jersey page. As your collection grows you will find it convenient to allow large cities an entire page and to group these cities under the States to which they belong. Another suggestion is to mount your precancels in

sequence of issues, following along the arrangement of issues in the standard catalogue. Perhaps a loose leaf album with each distinct set mounted on a separate sheet, or where the sets are short using two or three on a page. These are just suggestions. Precancels offer a wide field for originality, both as to collecting and mounting.

New Society Proposed

From the ashes of the Postage Stamp Club, Chicago, which dissolved its charter recently, there are rumors heard around Chicago philatelic circles of the foundation of a new senior society. Its purpose will be to cover the errors made in most societies. Qualifications for membership will be extremely rigid it is said. It is proposed to meet the first and third Wednesday evenings of each month in the Severn Philatelic Room, 105 N. Clark St.

German Stamp Club

On the second and fourth Tuesday of each month are held the meetings of the German Stamp Collectors' Club, Chicago, at their club rooms at Sheffield and Diversey in the Lincoln Turner Hall.

The Society is entering on its eleventh year and plans are now being laid for its annual banquet to be held November 1. The club has an active membership of approximately 110 and many of its original organizers are still active in its affairs. The dues are \$3.00 per year with an initiation fee of \$1.00, and each paid up member receives free a copy of *Scott's Standard Catalogue* and the annual banquet. Visitors are always welcome. The officers are Julius Loeffler, President; Wm. F. Maedge, Vice-President; Jos. Whiteborough, Treasurer, and Wm. Thueringer, Secretary.

A Good Endorsement

"The last three copies of *HOBBIES* have been superb. Enclose find \$1.00 to renew my subscription. I believe that's about the best way to praise a magazine."—*Frank C. Smith, Miss.*

THE STAMP HUNTER

Editorial from the Chicago Journal of Commerce

IN our early teens a boy who did not have a collection of stamps neatly pasted in a book was out of luck. We had hundreds of them, along with scores of war envelopes richly adorned with patriotic pictures, which were popular during the Civil War. The president of the Confederate States figured unhappily on some of them, some of them, sometimes with a rope around his neck. That was when the "sour apple tree" was much in the public mind. We had an advantage over other boys in that our dad was in a law firm that had considerable foreign correspondence, and we had the privilege of going through the wastebaskets in the office, from which we rescued many stamp treasures.

These memories are awakened by reading that King George recently paid \$2,000 for a rare stamp—an early one-shilling stamp of Great Britain—believed to be the only one in existence. His collection is said to be "matchless," and is now contained in 200 albums. Stamp collecting is now a hobby of adults, and a club of collectors in Rhode Island had their forty-sixth annual dinner in Providence Wednesday. There is an International Stamp Dealers' Bourse in England that is to meet May 18-20 in London, where W. E. Hawkins of New York expects to sell his great collection of stamps of Great Britain, France, and the British and French colonies. His collection is one of unused stamps. Most collections are postmarked.

An Interview With Sir Hubert Wilkins

By EDWIN BROOKS

MY first glimpse of this great explorer, Sir Hubert Wilkins, was when he stepped out of his high polished Studebaker on the drive-way of the Carter H. Harrison High School, in Chicago. A pleasant-faced man, a little timid at the great ovation given him, yet forceful in his manner to warrant him success in his future undertakings.

He seemed in excellent spirits for a jovial smile played around his lips as the wide open-eyed Freshmen gazed at him in wonder. He then had a small snack of lunch at the school lunchroom, (I had to put that, being a former Harrisonite myself) and forthwith elbowed his way through the crowd to the Assembly Hall.

Here he spoke for several minutes disclosing the fact that he wasn't an explorer by hobby or vocation but by accident. Metal-

lurgist is what he wants to be known as, but fate wouldn't have it so. On an expedition he discovered some new found land and thus became an explorer.

Quoting the words of Sir Hubert:

"I can imagine the astonished stare of a basking seal atop the ice when he sees our round red, hollow, tongue-like drill pop out of the ice."

After he had finished I hurried on the stage to ask Sir Hubert a few questions in behalf of areo-philatelists and readers of HOBBIES.

Here to my sorrow, he said he couldn't answer my questions directly because of the contract he had with King Features Syndicate and the Hearst publications, but he introduced me a *Herald and Examiner* reporter, who asked Sir Hubert the questions

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and wrote the answers on paper, thereby avoiding a break in his contract.

In answer to the question of what the purpose of his trip is, Sir Hubert replied:

"The real purpose in going up there is to study the weather where it is thought to originate. We hope to return with knowledge that will enable weather forecasts to be made six months ahead. This will not only aid aviators and seamen but also farmers and tradesmen. The trip in the Nautilus is not intended to be just a wonderful experience."

Naturally Sir Wilkins has "full confidence" (as per my question) in his expedition and believes it will be even easier than his previous trips. In answer to my next question concerning his hobby, Sir Wilkins said:

"I find my greatest enjoyment in music." Since the trip will necessitate intense work Sir Wilkins and his men will not find time for any recreational activities. As the great explorer put it, "You can't very well take time from labor when there are only eighteen men to do the work of thirty-six."

Much of the romance attached to the expedition in the submarine has been removed

by the news that the grandson of Jules Verne will not make the trip. However Sir Hubert Wilkins announces that Dr. Eckner will fly the Graf Zeppelin to the top of the world and there the two will meet.

Former submarine O-12, now rechristened the Nautilus, in honor of Jules Verne, will be equipped with skis but all her skiing will be done upside down. A set of drills have been provided in order that the adventurers may make their way to the surface of the ice while the submarine is held in readiness below for sudden departure.

The Nautilus is 107 feet long and has been loaned by the United States government. Sixteen hours out of each twenty-four will be spent submerged, the other time will be used in charging batteries and making observations.

Included in the 'sub's' equipment will be a large mechanical fish known as the Planeston recorder. The work of this recorder is to scoop up and deposit on a roll of revolving cloth small fish and plant life found in the Arctic waters. Samples of the earth's crust will also be obtained at the North Pole in order that scientists may learn the history of the world that is still a mystery.

Although he did not speak to me directly, he shook hands with me (an honor I shall always be proud of) and I wished Godspeed and luck on his forthcoming venture.

I also questioned him, in regard to the color of the cachet on the expedition letters, which he did not know, but he did say that he would sign some of the letters.

Thus a brave, humorous and delightful man-about-the-world risks his life for the betterment of humanity and incidentally giving areo-philatelists a new cover.

With the Younger Set

One of the most up-and-coming stamp clubs in Chicago, the Lincoln-Belmont club recently went on record with a most successful auction.

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A Timely Suggestion

AN editorial in *Limn's* recently made this timely suggestion:

"No claim is made that the suggestion offered here is a new thought on stamp collecting but it is very probable that the idea to collect in the manner suggested has not occurred to many who might find it both interesting and at the same time a practical idea.

"Numerous collectors, chief among whom we may mention is Dr. C. W. Hennan, President of the American Philatelic Society, have become interested in covers cancelled in their home city or town. Dr. Hennan is after anything bearing a Chicago cancellation. In collecting in this manner one should go back to stampless covers and then endeavor to gather a representative collection of postmarks on covers of all the various issues from 1847 to date.

"The task will be no easy one yet it holds much of interest for anyone who is a born collector. One fine feature of a collection of this sort is its wonderful show or display value. It is doubtful if any display of stamps would attract as much attention in your home town as a collection of this type showing cancellations of your home town, for besides the stamps and cancellations which you were chiefly interested in, the public, the newspapers and the older citizens of your town or city will be much interested in the corner imprints on the business envelopes bearing your stamps.

"A collection of this type will create

more interest in this manner than anything else that can be shown.

"In starting, you can start with today's mail and you will be surprised, if you live in a large city, to learn that there are many different kinds of cancellations in daily use in the different branch offices and stations in your city.

"We would hesitate to urge the general collection of precancels yet any stamp collector can find much of interest in gathering a collection of his home town precancels.

"Besides gathering the different types of cancellations one can if they wish, endeavor to get them on covers with as many different varieties of each different stamp in all of the issues, thus making a very large field for work and that will give unlimited room for expansion."

Skeezix Has Many Combinations

Frank King, creator of the 'Gasoline Alley comic strip has created quite a lot of enthusiasm in postmark collecting through Skeezix.

Skeezix has been collecting unusual postmarks and has a list of such as Pape, Miss.; Cardinal, Va.; Bishop, Calif.; Priest, Tenn.; Nunn, Utah; Joy, Ill.; Happy, Ky.; Smile, Ky.; Glee, Pa.; Morning Sun, Ia.; Noonday, Tex.; Evening Shade, Ark.; Midnight, Miss.; Goodnight, Okla.; Noodle, Tex.; Pates, N. C.; Heads, Miss.; Coco, W. Va.; Nutt, N. M.; Bean, Ky.; Good Intent, Pa.; Good Luck, K., and many others similar.

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By HERMAN C. NASCHKE

A NOTEWORTHY observation is that of the manner in which junior stamp clubs are conducted in the Los Angeles public schools. Hardly a junior high school in the city lacks a stamp club, many of which are sponsored by teachers who are conversant with the stamp hobby.

Having experienced a little lecture work with local school clubs, I find that many youngsters are eager to learn more about stamps, and that they are always glad to have someone come to their meetings and enlighten them. One club in the John Burroughs junior high maintains a school collection which was started about four years ago through the recommendation of the writer. This collection is maintained from year to year by members of the club and is housed in the school library. The pupils donate any duplicate stamps which they have for augmenting the collection.

Another recent boost for the hobby and one that will recruit many new collectors is the giving away of small packs of stamps by theaters to their young patrons at Saturday morning matinees. Some of the theaters are also giving away small paper covered albums; and naturally each of these new-born collectors is a candidate for a larger album and a more extensive collection as the years go by.

It is with great pleasure that I commend the teachers who are conducting stamp clubs in the Los Angeles schools. They no doubt realize that these young collectors are better students because they are constantly observing and consuming a knowledge that cannot be learned from books exclusively.

J. T. Nicholson left Los Angeles harbor on Saturday, May 23, for Honolulu in charge of the first Pacific Coast ship to shore flight. He will return with the mail from Honolulu and the same will be picked up 60 miles at sea by the Goodyear pony blimp, "Volunteer" and carried to shore and dropped on the San Pedro postoffice roof. It is estimated that the total number carried is around 15,000 covers which were received from all parts of the world.

The Ventura County stamp club met on May 8th with fifteen members present. Los Angeles visitors were V. W. Wyckoff,

George Luccareni and the writer. A good program was held and enjoyable time was had by all.

W. Russell Ree, of Saticoy is conducting a junior stamp club in the Saticoy grammar school which is being sponsored by the local parent-teacher organization. The first meeting brought forth twelve members and at each weekly meeting it is increasing in attendance.

Old Firm Has New Address

N. S. Beardmore, Alto Stamp Co., for many years actively engaged in the stamp business has taken up enlarged quarters in Chicago's loop. His new location is at 182 No. LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill., formerly occupied by the A. Hippchen Co., which firm he has absorbed. Mr. Beardmore has specialized in the approval branch of the stamp business and during his 15 years of activity has built up a large and wide-spread clientele. His new quarters will be convenient to his host of Chicago friends, as well as visiting philatelists and we are sure his success will continue at his new address. His stock is most complete with items that will be of interest to the new collectors as well as the more advanced.

Stamp Collectors Give \$317,173 in Year to U. S.

According to the Associated Press, stamp collectors save one branch of the Postoffice Department from recording a deficit. In announcing a clearance auction sale of coins, stamps and other items for May 21, the department pointed out today that the Philatelic Division, unlike the department generally, has always shown a profit. Its sales in the last fiscal year totaled \$317,173.32, derived entirely from stamp collectors.

100th Anniversary Stamp

News from Philadelphia says that in recognition of the hundredth anniversary of the death of Stephen Girard, which will occur in December 26, officials of the Girard College Alumni association have petitioned Postmaster General Brown to issue a 2 cent stamp to commemorate the merchant-mariner.

Who?

We have the following from the Philatelic News Bureau. Isn't it true?

A Dealers' Protective Association has decreed that a stamp dealer who unwittingly violated a minor rule on illustrating a foreign stamp will not be prosecuted alone, for legal assistance will be supplied and it will be insisted that one of the most powerful newspapers in the United States, the Newark Evening News, will be coupled in the case. The chances are the paper will engage Merritt Lane or a similarly brilliant legal light. With the case tried before a jury a decision which may let down the bars and bring about something that stamp dealers have wanted for years—the right to print pictures of stamps, just as coin dealers may now show United States coins. To claim that the United States revenues would suffer by a black and white picture—especially a cancelled stamp—is to emphasize the fact that the present heads of the Secret Service are unaware that the Civil War is over.

What stamp society will come forward with a campaign to change the law?

To permit coin dealers privileges denied stamp dealers shows how poorly organized is one group—and it isn't the numismatist!

Trans-Atlantic Stamp

The MacMillan Expedition has issued a special poster stamp which is about the size of United States special delivery. In two upper corners the date 1931 is shown while across the top is an arch formation resembling a black ribbon on which are white letters "MacMillan Aerial Expedition." Below this there is a bust of a Viking and words "First Trans-Atlantic Flight and return Via far Northern Route." To the left of this is a Statue of Liberty and to the right the Tower Bridge at London. There is a map with the seven stations shown. Supporting the arch are two propeller blades.—*Philatelic News Bureau*



Blue Stamps Mean Hard Luck to Chinese

By EDWIN BROOKS

Did you ever note that of all stamps printed in China prior to 1905 there were never any printed in blue.

The reason for this is that blue is the color of mourning used on letters in China. The superstition was so deeply rooted in the natives that a Chinaman would not deliver a letter having a blue postage stamp on it, as he had fear of the ill luck it would bring.

White is the real mourning color of China but, since you cannot write in white ink, and black is used for all writing, blue was adopted for mourning.

When the postal union was founded all members agreed that stamps having the value of one cent should be green, two cents in carmine and five cents in blue. The members did not realize the trouble this would cause in China.

The German Consul in Shanghai received a number of complaints that mail was not delivered. Stacks of mail bearing blue stamps were found in out of the way places.

The German Government realizing that nothing could be done to relieve the Chinese of this superstition issued a circular advising those sending mail to China to please refrain from using the 20 pfennig stamps which were blue, and to use two of the pfennig stamps which were carmine.

School Club Exhibits

The Stamp Club of the Brunswick School at Greenwich, Conn., held its first exhibition during the closing exercises of the school recently. Ably guided by Mr. Foster, the master in charge of the subject, the show was a most creditable one.

Sixty frames, loaned by the Association for Stamp Exhibitions, were well filled with U. S. cancellations, airmails, commemoratives and covers.

The work of making and setting up the easels was done by the students in the manual training class and, the exhibition augurs well for the continued growth of interest in the subject and the club.

AIR MAIL

Postal Clerk Gathers Rare Air Envelopes

IT is said that if Elmer C. Bandy, clerk at the Wausau, Wis., postoffice, ever has any great-great-grandchildren he may some day show them a very, very quaint collection of envelopes which carried air mail letters in the days when air mail was only an experiment.

To date his collection of "covers," as the envelopes are known among postal employes, totals more than 1,500, and each week his collection is increased by 5 to 30 new envelopes, bearing the "cachets," or special postmarks, of the air mail department.

Many of his covers are autographed by governors, pilots, postmasters, civic club officials and others. Amelia Earhart, Forest O'Brine, Clarence D. Chamberlin and Dale Jackson, all have signed covers for Bandy. But, although he has no signature of that peer of all fliers, Col. Charles Lindbergh, he has several covers carried in mail planes flown by the Lone Eagle.

"Crash covers" are Bandy's pride and joy. His collection includes several charred and wrinkled envelopes rescued from wrecked planes. Many have been turned over to him by Wausau persons who received them from friends.

Bandy has complete coverage from every contract mail stop from Contract Air Mail Service No. 1, July 1, 1926, to No. 34, October 25, 1930. He has envelopes carried on the Zeppelin flights from Germany to the United States and the United States to Germany. Another cover is from the "Around the World" flight, dated August 20, 1929; another is from the balloon races of September 30, 1929, at St. Louis. Others are from Lindbergh's trip to South America.

After All Is Said and Done

"Received the two issues of HOBBIES and I really think it is the best collector's magazine that I have ever seen and I have seen quite a few."—H. J. Koby, Abilene, Kansas.

The Children of Today Are the Men and Women of Tomorrow

We print this data here to give the viewpoints and experiences of one, W. Frank Clark, successful teacher in Washington, D. C. In addition to Mr. Clark's varied experiences as an educator he has spent approximately twenty-five years in research work in the Congressional Library and knows many of the wonders housed therein. He has also done illustrating work in the Department of the Interior and the Agricultural Departments. Because of his great interest in education of the youth, he is willing to pass along to any school organization his experiences in stamp club organization work. Write him at Central High School Washington, D. C., if you are interested.

By W. FRANK CLARK

I SHOULD know for I have been teaching for many years in one of the finest schools in the Nation. I have crossed the United States fifteen times; been to Florida twelve times; and I started life as a newspaper boy.

HOBBIES is certainly a wonder. It should be in every home in this country. Take the postage stamp phase of it for example. Now for my proof. The wife of a doctor in the Smithsonian Institution started her eight year old son in stamp collecting, in order to teach him how to be useful with his hands. The wife of a director of The Wild Flower Association of America started her twin boys in stamp collecting from a health standpoint, as she had another son that was an invalid.

Several of the fathers of my school boys collect stamps with their sons and thus grow up with them as buddies. One of my ex-stamp presidents of the Central High School Stamp Club has been promoted three times in two years in the bank in which he works, and he is still dealing in stamps in the evenings. Three of my ex-school boys that were stamp club presidents, won scholarships in colleges. Mrs. Manning, Historian of the Smithsonian Institution once said, "In my seventeen years' experience with Washington's foremost stamp people I have yet to see a boy who is a stamp collector who is dull."

I find in my job at school that 40 per cent, at least, of the youngsters when they start to high school do not know

what it is all about. Well, having hundreds coming to me each year to teach, one must try even though students all want to be basketball or baseball players, to teach them something else. What to do with the free time between school hours and supper time on days when the weather is bad! When some of our youngsters have already decided to start on long trips with our autos without returning them, and when one youngster decides to shoot himself in school because he had no hobby! After racking my brain I made up my mind that I would initiate the youngsters in my old game of stamp collecting, a hobby which I had been whacking away at for more than a half century. This I could do nicely as I was well saturated, since my brother was a stamp collector and my father was a numismatist.

Owing to the fine lot of teachers throughout the country who are always giving me stamps from all over the world, I am able to assist all schools of the United States that wish to collect stamps.

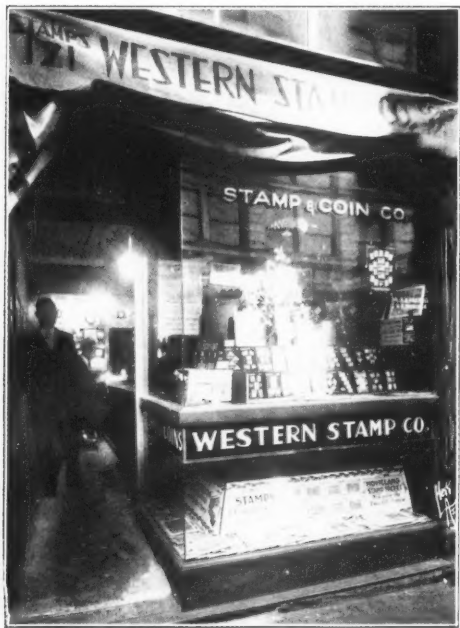
One of my motherless Hebrew boys collects match boxes. He may be another Beethoven or Liszt. Some of my boys sell me their stamp collections when they go to college. Some of my boys still collect in college.

In addition to stamps one of my hobbies is old wood engraving prints of engravers made long ago. I also own five thousand, five by eight negatives for educational purposes such as plant life, animal life and numerous other subjects.

"Sunshine" State Stamp Shop



Interior View of Stamp Store of Western Stamp Company



*Window Display of Western Stamp Company
at Christmas Time*

JUST about a year ago, the Western Stamp Company, Los Angeles, Calif., took over a lease at 121 West Second Street, and now has what is considered the largest and most attractive stamp display in Los Angeles. Here one can view hundreds of beautiful sets neatly arranged on the counters and wall display cases. Here the collector can select a "penny" stamp or a fifty dollar set, as he chooses.

The firm is a partnership of Dr. Gerald Q. Farwell, a prominent dentist, and Herman Naschke, a philatelist of thirty years experience. Mr. Naschke is manager of the store and understands the whims and fancies of all collectors from the lowly "kid" collector to the most exalting specialist. His greatest pleasure is serving the boy collector and encouraging him along all lines, for it is the boy who makes the collector of tomorrow.

Stamp Manufacturing

According to A. W. Hall, Director of the National Bureau of Engraving and Printing at Washington, D. C. a large item of manufacture within the jurisdiction of the U. S. government is that of postage stamps, a year's output being on an average of 16,500,000,000 stamps, or about 56,000,000 daily. These stamps are printed in 25 colors and in 170 varieties of the several classes and denominations ranging from $\frac{1}{2}$ cent to \$5. The face value of a year's delivery of stamps is \$480,000,000. In the manufacture of these stamps there are used 2,075,000 pounds of paper, 800,000 pounds of ink, and 900,000 pounds of gum.

If a year's printing of postage stamps were distributed he says per capita each man, woman and child in the United States would receive 135 stamps. It is almost unbelievable, but a year's output of stamps laid end to end would make a strip long enough to reach around the earth at the equator 10 times or to reach from the earth to the moon. Or, again, if these stamps were laid flat, they would make a sheet of 25 different colors practically two miles long and two miles wide.

Revenue stamps is another large item of manufacture. The requirements of the Internal Revenue Bureau are 8,750,000,000 stamps yearly, in the printing of which 1,300 tons of paper are used. These stamps have a face value of \$545,000,000.

Vallancy Investigates

United States Post Office Inspector Vallancy arrived in Budapest, Hungary, recently on the search of a gang who have been washing and reselling United States 20-cent and 30-cent stamps. The used stamps were sent to Hamburg, where the cancellation was removed by chemicals. They were then sold in the United States causing a large loss to the United States Post Office Department. One of the clues led to Budapest, but, Mr. Vallancy found that this city was only involved to a certain small extent. Stamp dealers who had such stamps in their possession declared they had bought them in good faith from foreign agents.

Philatelic Postmark



It may be of interest to postmark collectors to know that on May 11, 16 and 21, 1931, a special postmark was used for a few hours at the postoffice at Charlottenburg 4, Germany, to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the International Exchange and Correspondence Club Concordia. Only club correspondence was cancelled with this postmark, and the number of letters is not very many. The stamp shows the usual circle with the well known eagle club sign and the words: Tenth anniversary Concordia, also Berlin-Charlottenburg 4 and the date. The postmark will be very rare on account of the short duration.

"I received your copy of the May issue of *HOBBIES* and I certainly enjoyed it immensely. It is chockfull of everything that is fine and wholesome to read. Keep up the good work and you will have many more satisfied contributors like me."—*Charles Lombino, N. Y.*

"I am very much pleased with the new magazine. The idea of having differently colored pages for each of the leading hobbies is great. However, I find the combination blue print and lavenderish paper a bit trying on the eyes. (Indian Relic Department).—*Robert H. Asher, Calif.*

We like the spirit of V. W. T. Estano, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, who gave two 1-year subscriptions to *HOBBIES* as a premium in the recent Hobby Show for boys and girls held in that city. Next time you have a Hobby Show, don't forget to give subscriptions as premiums.

Voorhees 205th Stamp Auction Attracts Usual Large Crowd

With the veteran auctioneer Marvin A. Barlow officiating, B. L. Voorhees 205th monthly stamp auction was held in Chicago, May 8, at South Dearborn street. Bidding was spirited and the first item a 5c New York bottom frame line recut, small A. C. M. cancellation "Paid" in red, finally went for \$36. A fifth 1847, block grid, described as "fine brought \$8.60. A lightly cancelled pair of the same stamp brought \$18. A 5c 1851 brought \$27, and another of the same stamp showing 1857 year date went for \$23. A third 5c 1851 showing part of red town cancellation brought \$22. A pair of 10c 1851 (35A) type 2 block grid brought \$16.50, and a strip of 3 of the same stamp went for \$31. A 5c brick red (45) part of blue town cancellation finally went for \$23.50. Another of the same stamp, black grid brought \$18.75.

A vertical strip of 4 of the 10c 1857 (49 A and B) went for \$16.50. A vertical pair of the 10c 1857 (49c) one recut at bottom and the other recut top and bottom and exceedingly rare went for \$75. A block of 4 10c 1857 (50) grid cancellation and a beautiful piece sold for \$61.50. A 90c 1857 (54) O. G. fine went for \$18.55.

An O. G. Block of 4 of the 3c August, 1861 (56) brought \$51. A fine copy of the 5c buff 1861 (67) brought \$21. A 24c 1871 (153) O. G. fine went for \$17.60. A block of 6, 90c 1888 (218) went for \$36.

A \$1.00 Columbian O. G. fine brought \$5.15, \$4 Columbian (244) O. G. crimson-lake shade went for \$12 and the \$5 (245)

O. G. fine sold for \$10.60. A 5c 1894 (263) O. G. perf. touching at right went for \$27. A good block of 4 of the 50c 1908 (341) O. G. brought \$13.75.

In the bluish papers a 10c (364) off center went for \$12, while a 13c (365) bearing a Saginaw, Mich., cancellation went for \$26.25. An O. G. block of 4 of the 3c 1916-17 (464) with sheet margin went for \$27. Two copies of the 5c red error (467) in center of a block of twelve 2 cent stamps brought \$19.50. An identical block (505) brought \$21.50. A fine block of 4 O. G. of the 3c (535A) went for \$25.50. A superb block of 4 of the \$1.30 Zepps (1313) O. G. went for \$20.50, seemingly to bear out the contention that the Zepps are good property. In the U. S. Departments a 30c Justice O. G. and fine brought \$12.75.

Among the outstanding foreign items in this sale was a 7½ penny Canada (9) quite fine which went for \$28.25. A very fine inverted center copy of the Persia IT (574A) O. G. went for \$111.

The sale consisted of 650 items—250 of which were United States and prices obtained were satisfactory. Superb items brought the usual premiums over those described as good to fine and the scarcity of stamps in faultless condition on the open market is growing more acute each year as the interest and number of collectors increase. Mr. Voorhees 206th auction scheduled for June 16, will be reviewed in the July issue.

Here and There with Readers

"You really have a remarkable magazine, and I have enjoyed the copies received very much, and have read them from cover to cover.

"I know I personally have been looking for this kind of a magazine ever since I started collecting stamps, and have never found one I cared to subscribe to for more than a year.

"As it includes other hobbies besides stamps, it is much more interesting and keeps you informed on all subjects.—*E. M. Hudson, Muskegon, Mich.*

"HOBBIES magazine certainly fills the bill admirably, and I wish you every success. It is to be hoped that every collector or hobbyist will avail themselves of your book."

—*Geo. H. J. Sherman, Minneapolis, Minn.*

Wins Prize for Stamp Collection



J. ALEX PARK and his collection which won first prize in fourth annual exhibition of the Michigan Stamp Club.

A COLLECTION belonging to J. Alex Park, 125 Lewiston Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park, Mich., took first place in the fourth annual philatelic exhibition of the Michigan Stamp Club at the Hotel Fort Wayne recently.

There were 50 exhibits, owned by collectors in Detroit and from throughout the state. Mr. Park won two other place in the judging, as well, his collections of United States stamps and covers being awarded firsts.

Adolph Mevers' display of stamps from United States possessions was first; Charles L. Brisley's showing of Canadian stamps was named best. Other winners were:

Karl Kowalski, European countries and colonies; Seth Andrews, other countries in North, Central and South American; Mrs. Gertrude Andrews, other countries in Asia, Africa, Oceania and Australia; Dr. H. Preston Hoskins, cancellations and pre-cancels; J. Alex Park, covers; J. E. Scott, used United States blocks; W. C. Lancsweert, unused United States blocks; Karl Kowalski, private perforations; William McMeekin, general collection; John B. Jackson, airmail; Fred R. Erbach, unused airmail.

C. L. Brisley was chairman of the committee, composed of A. M. Livingstone, J. E. Scott, A. O. Matthews and Mrs. S. E. Andrew.

STAMP DEALING

Stanley Munday Writing for a Current Newspaper Has This to Say About Stamp Dealing

FROM time to time I have received enquiries from various collectors regarding stamp dealing and asking advice as to the procedure of establishing a stamp business of their own.

The stamp business, while a profitable one if conducted properly, is not as easy as many believe, and requires a great deal of effort. Constant work and long hours of routine effort are necessary to keep a business running and at first the profits are far below expectations. Hard work and careful management, however, will soon overcome obstacles in the way of the beginner and his business will gradually show a profit, apart from the fun derived from the business.

Most of the established full-time dealers of today started as part-time dealers and have seen their clientele grow as time went on until they could devote their full time to it. The amount they earn each year is not a fortune—there are a few dealers with incomes in excess of \$100,000 per year—but many of my acquaintance draw down from \$3,000 to \$5,000 annually.

The two essentials for successful dealing in stamps are a thorough working knowledge of philately and straight dealing. It would be foolish to engage in the trade without the former as it would be impossible properly to classify the various issues or to determine if a stamp is genuine, while if you are not honest you would not have a clientele at all after a few months. The part time dealer generally uses his home as his office and derives the greater proportion of his business from clients through the mail. Thus he has to compete with other firms operating in a similar manner and unless he gives value for each dollar he receives, the buyers will soon go elsewhere.

It will be necessary to decide whether you wish to go after the juvenile trade or the advanced business. The former generally is more suitable for the beginner as it does not require such a large amount of capital. The stamps are generally the

low priced varieties and can be conveniently purchased by tens or fifties.

The stamps are mounted on approval sheets, each stamp being placed on the various sheets in the same place. A series of perhaps twenty-five sheets of a kind are prepared and the balance of the stock is arranged in a similar manner in a stock book and the page numbered according to the number of the sheet it represents. Thus it is easy to detect any substitution of stamps if you have to do with a dishonest collector and it also facilitates refilling the gaps on the sheet.

The stamps are generally priced at catalogue value and with this class of stamp a discount of fifty per cent from the marked value is usually given the buyer. In the case of the juvenile trade, this will induce them to sell the stamps they do not require to their friends and add to the sales. Incidentally they also make a little on the side.

A good class of trade can be worked up through small advertisements in the various papers catering to stamp collecting. Juvenile publications containing a stamp page are also good mediums.

The approval sheets may be purchased through a wholesale house or printed to your own order and generally contain spaces for twenty or twenty-five stamps. The stamps are mounted by hinges in a similar manner to the stamps in your own album but the hinge used is a cheaper variety and will stand more usage. A printed form to accompany the sheets may also be obtained if desired. This shows the amount of stamps enclosed and has space for the amount purchased and the name of the purchaser and is a convenient way to keep record of your business. Ten days are generally allowed on selections sent out.

Before sending selections, always get references from those who wish selections of stamps. This will keep your losses at a minimum.

Odd Franklin Stamps Sold in Sullivan, Ill.

DO you know whether Benjamin Franklin faces right or left on Uncle Sam's postage stamps which his picture adorns? If you are a stamp collector you doubtless know that he faces right.

But there are stamps in existence on which Benjamin Franklin faces left, and that's the basis for this story.

For several years past the Post Office at Sullivan, Ill., has received orders from various parts of the country for stamps of 9c, 11c, 12c, 13c, 15c, 20c and 30c denomination. These orders were usually filled. Recently the orders came in for larger quantities and the letters of explanation have accompanied them. The Sullivan post office has a supply of these stamps on which Benjamin Franklin's likeness faces the left. These stamps are rare for the Post Office Department at Washington some years ago changed this picture and on all later issues Franklin faces the right.

How did Sullivan get so many of these old-style stamps?

Postmaster McPheeters says that until shortly before he took over the office from Frank Reese the Sullivan office was a central accounting office for the other post offices in Moultrie County. The other offices bought their stamps, post cards and other

supplies here. It was under Postmaster Charles Swisher that the local office stocked up on the Franklin series of postage stamps. When Postmaster Swisher checked out to his successor, Postmaster Reese, he turned over to him \$29,547.79 in stamps, etc.

During the Reese regime this amount was cut down considerably and when Postmaster McPheeters checked in he had to sign for \$22,031 in such supplies. The post office department at Washington got rather peeved because of such a large supply of supplies at the local postoffice and has been bringing pressure on Postmaster McPheeters to "reduce." He has done so by giving all employees orders to concentrate on these odd-figured Franklin stamps. As he result, the last report that he made to the post office department showed that the local office supplies had gotten down to a value of \$2,314.14.

One thing that has helped considerably has been the stamp collectors. Whenever a well-informed collector spied the old style Franklin stamp he would let out a whoop and send in an order for some. There are still a considerable number of some of the denominations on hand, and if "Franklin face-to-the left" stamps are wanted, Sullivan is the place to get them.

A Number Two Collection

Did you ever think of starting a number two collection? A number two collection is a fine way to help dispose of your duplicates. It's lots of fun, it costs you little or nothing and some day you can dispose of it to advantage. It is like drawing interest on your investment in stamps.

The rules for making a number two collection are quite simple. First you acquire an album. A new album should be used for the number two collection must be kept neat just as is your number one collection. Now in making a number two collection your first rule is that you never buy any stamps for it. It is to cost you nothing, and thus, when you dispose of it, the collection will be net profit to you.

You start the collection by picking from

your duplicates everything that you can put into the collection, then you trade for anything else that you can use in the collection. Every time you get a better copy for your number one collection you put the cull into your number two book. In this manner you have a place to put a lot of duplicates, and you have something more to work with and to keep your interest up. Eventually you will have accumulated several thousand varieties which should have cost you nothing, and then the day will come when you will have an opportunity to sell it at a figure which should be clean net profit.

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GRAF-ZEPPELIN stamped cards, dropped and cancelled at Seville, Vienna, Stamboul, etc., 50c each.—R. Mosorjak, 6219 Ingleside Ave., Chicago, Ill.

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NUMISMATICS



Penny Collector Champion

Madison B. Kennedy of Hubbard Woods, Ill., has gained the penny collector champion cognomen of the United States.

Mr. Kennedy has a collection of pennies dating from 1793, when they were first coined, up to date. The only ones missing, he says are the 1799 penny, which is worth \$50, and the 1804, one of which recently sold for \$2,500.

His collection, he believes, surpasses that of Arthur C. Kelly of Danver, Mass., who recently claimed the championship with a collection running from 1800 to 1927 which had only eleven years missing.

When You're Gardening

When you're planting that bed of Asters or Sweet Peas or hoeing the onion bed you may have unexpected good luck.

Mrs. Theresa A. Mazzilli of Plymouth, Mass., recently displayed a coin which, local antiquarians predict, will take its place among the most valuable of treasures. Mrs. Mazzilli recently dug it from the earth. Dated 1652, the coin is said to be the first mintage authorized by the Massachusetts colony. It has a face value of only six pence, and bears an oak tree in bas relief.

Local records show that the first mint in this country was authorized by the General Court at Boston in 1652, thirty-two years after Plymouth was settled.

Superstition Is Costly to Uncle Sam

Whoever started the superstition about the \$2 bill was the originator of a big expense for Uncle Sam.

The belief that the \$2 gill is unlucky persists, along with the opinion that the baneful influence may be removed by tearing off one corner of the bill.

W. O. Woods, treasurer of the United States, said recently that a large percentage of the \$2 bills returned to the treasury had the corners neatly removed and that all such currency was destroyed.

It costs the government approximately one cent to replace them with new bills.

Save 40,000 Pennies; Buy a Car

A little more than six years ago Clarence and George Koerner, newsboys, began collecting Indian head pennies. It is said that they made the first payment on an automobile with 40,000 of them.

Would you have envied the cashier his job of counting them?

Rare Coin Dug up in Palestine

During the middle part of May, a silver shekel, the kind of coin said to have been paid to Judas for betraying Christ was photographed at the National Geographical Society headquarters in Washington.

This latest acquired rarity of the National Geographical Museum, the smooth-edged shekel, slightly smaller than a quarter, with a sacred vessel on one side and a flower device on the other, created a stir among scientists.

So rare is the piece that the Smithsonian Institution with its great collection of coins, has but a half dozen.

The coin was brought to this country as a gift of F. Vetser, on behalf of the American colony at Jerusalem.

The coin was found with others in a clay urn by a workman digging for the foundation of a new building in Palestine. The theory was advanced that the sacred vessel upon it was possibly a pot of manna and the flower device a representation of the budding of Aaron's rod.

Good Find

Among the stories recalled to mind since the spring plowing season got under way a few weeks ago is that of a truck farmer who a season or so ago, plowed his way into an old-fashioned bean pot which contained \$15,000 in gold, silver and copper coins, none of which had been minted later than 1861. His find, it is reported, was kept secret until he appeared at the Federal building in Chicago to inquire of the Internal Revenue Bureau, if his treasure is subject to a Federal income tax. He was advised that his discovery was tax free.

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A recent trade paper contained a full page ad in which appeared a halftone showing a person with a number of United States bills handing these to another person. The passing of the money constitutes the illustration and only the person's hands are shown. The original was a photograph and actual bills were used by the model posing for it.

Such reproductions are forbidden and the government will go to considerable lengths to stop them. Some years ago a large billboard in Chicago, at least fifty feet wide, on one of the prominent boulevards contained an illustration including a number of United States bills. These of course were of gigantic size but the authorities decided that even though they were large and painted by hand and, therefore, not exact reproductions of the bills themselves, the law was being violated and the objectionable matter was removed.

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ment. Without such permission do not take part in the work or contribute to the final results. If you do, you will probably find yourself in serious trouble.

Another Find

While leveling the land about his home, George Sutton, owner of the adobe house erected two miles north of Red Bluff, Calif., in 1849 by William Ide, first, last and the only president of the California Republic, found a \$10 gold piece dated 1852. On one side of the coin is the American eagle and shield, and the words: State California, Gold. Ten D. On the other side appears the Goddess of Liberty, W. M. & Co., and the date, 1852. The coin was minted by Wass, Moliter & Co., one of the sixteen firms, who struck gold coins and thus created a local currency out of the gold dust from the mines.—M. S.

Platinum Coinage

About 100 years ago Russia tried platinum coinage. By 1845 the Russian mint had struck off 1,400,000 platinum coins. But the market cost of the metal fluctuated so much that the practice was abandoned. Besides, the hardness of the metal gave the mint great difficulties. It has been hinted that if the Soviet government produces more platinum than it can profitably market, the treasury may store it away as a reserve for paper money in the same way gold and silver bullion deposited in the treasury backs up American paper money.—M. S.

History

On the medal struck to commemorate the coming Massachusetts Bay centenary the "sacred cod" occupies the reverse in bas-relief. It is the latest earnest tribute to the "tutelary genius" of the Old Colony, faithfully rendering his keen and candid eye, round fins and the delicate barrel descending from his chin. His mouth is slightly open, but instead of the insatiable expression favored by ichthyology the designer has given the fish the more genial expression of a dog, greeting its master.

One of the earliest American newspapers, the Salem Gazette, adopted the cod in its crest. Revenue stamps of the Colony in 1755 and currency in the Revolutionary years of 1776 and 1778 bore its image in sign of good faith and worth.—M. S.

In a Most Unexpected Place

Unusual coins, as all numismatists know, are often found when least expected.

While Harry Hudson and D. D. Hooper, Missouri, were counting and putting into rolls a large pile of pennies at a local drug store they discovered a two cent piece of the vintage of 1865, mixed in among the pennies. This penny is larger than a nickel. No one seems to know how it came into the penny pile. The coin is not rare, however, and has a catalog worth of approximately 10 cents.

Get Out the Old Stocking

"Coin collecting," write Frank Ross of Kansas City, Mo., is the soundest, basically, of all collecting hobbies, (always cashable at face value regardless) but it is the least publicized. It has the most devotees, but the collections are all "stockinged" away in bureau drawers. Safety first perhaps! No one would "walk" away with a cane or get "stuck" on a postage stamp, but he might be tempted to "palm" a coin.

A big coin dealer, I believe it was Max Mehl, once stated that there were only about 5,000 active coin collectors in the United States, meaning 5,000 that made collecting their business. It might be added now that there are 5,000,000 others who make coin collecting a hobby. These two classes might be called the Elites and the Delights. An Elite wants to *learn* about coins he doesn't have; a Delight wants to read about coins he has. The Elite is interested in a serial number of a \$5 bill issued in 1830 by some defunct country bank, a bill that he will never see; while a Delight is tickled to death to read about a centless nickel, an initialed Lincoln penny, or something else that he possibly possesses.

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The stamp collectors have placed the stamp album on the center table alongside of the photo album; it is up to you coin lovers to hang the "coin stocking" in front of the fireplace.

Papal Coinage

By ROLLO E. GILMORE

The new 10,000,000 sets of nine varieties of the Papal Coinage issued by the Vatican City and engraver Professor Mistruzzi have now been released. The Vatican City government plans to sell them at a sentimental price of more than double their nominal face value of about 119 lire for the nine varieties plus postage charges.

It is reported that orders will be filled in order of the dates when order is received, and if there should be insufficient coins to go around remittance will be returned.

These are issued in 5c in copper, about the size of a dime; 10c in copper, about the size of a nickel; 20c in nickel, about the size of a cent; 50c in nickel, smaller than a quarter; 1 lire in nickel, larger than a quarter; 2 lire in nickel, smaller than a half-dollar; 5 lire in silver, larger than a nickel; 10 lire of silver, larger than a quarter; 100 lire in gold, size of a \$5 gold piece.

These were first issued and delivered to the Pope by Mussoline's mint, but they had a small R, which is the mark of the royal mint and this lot was rejected and whole batch was melted and the new model

made. The previous issue of papal coins was last issued in 1870 by Pius XI.

Questionnaire

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Has he a beard?

Is the date of the coin under the bust of Lincoln?

Does it contain the motto "In God We Trust?"

Is "E Pluribus Unum" in large or almost indistinct lettering?

Does "E Pluribus Unum" occur at the top, side or bottom of coin?

Is "America" in United States of America spelled out or is it abbreviated Amer.?

Does it read one cent or 1 cent?

Do the two parts of the wreath meet?

Is "Liberty" on the same side of coin as Lincoln?

HOW MANY STARS ARE THERE AND ON WHICH SIDE OF COIN?

— Sent in by Frank Ross, Mo.

Old Coin Found

Workmen spreading loam in Oak Bluffs, Mass., recently found and old copper coin dated 1753. Of English coinage, no value is indicated, but it is presumed to be a penny. The obverse side bears a raised bust with the inscription: "Georgius II Rex." The reverse bears the figure of Britannia, with the word and date. Town Clerk John Miller obtained the coin from the finder.

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A Numismatist Looks at History

By ORBRA E. KING

EVERY schoolboy has read Hawthorne's interesting story of Captain Hull and the Pine Tree Shillings. The Massachusetts colony was in need of a medium of exchange since all coins were scarce in the settlement. They decided to coin some money of their own in the form of shillings. Captain Hull was given the monopoly of their manufacture. For his pains he was to keep one of each twenty coined. The result was a flood of the bright new Pine Tree shillings coined—and incidently the worthy Captain became quite rich. A romantic vein is added to the story when the Captain's daughter marries young Sewall and the Captain puts her on one end of a balance scale and heaps the other side with the shillings until it exactly balanced the buxom lass. Not every wife is worth her weight in silver!!!

The Pine Tree shillings continued to be coined for more than thirty years, yet all bore the date, 1652. This was because the British Government had ordered their coinage discontinued when they first appeared. By using the same date the colonists hoped to hide the fact that the coins were new. These coins today are among the most interesting of all colonial coins.

The story of the Pine Tree Shillings has always possessed a certain fascination for the historian. The coins are found illustrated in most textbooks. Yet they are no more interesting than many other coins and tokens that have been issued during our history. Coins, with their legends, symbolical designs, and portraits of famous people perpetuate history as few other relics do. They are the most nearly universal relic of past ages. The study of coins is one of the most fertile fields of historical research for ancient and medieval history. They crystalize the customs and beliefs of bygone civilizations.

While the study of American history does not require the witness of these mute tokens to tell us the story of the past yet their study throws interesting light on many half-forgotten episodes of the past. They give reality to dry-as-dust facts.

One of the earliest coins to be issued by English colonists in America was the famous Bermuda "hogge" money—so-called because on one side they bore the figure of a hog. The Bermudas were colonized from Virginia in 1612. In 1616 they obtained the right to coin some money for the purposes of trade. Captain John Smith, of whom everyone has heard, has this to say in describing the coins:—"besides meat and drink they had for a time a certain kind of brass money, with a hogge on one side, in memory of the number of hogges found on the island." The hogs may have been plentiful but the coins certainly were not for a single specimen recently sold for \$120.

Many of the colonists issued cents during that period before the Revolution. Most of the coins of the rarer metals were either English or Spanish. In fact we got the idea of the dollar as our unit of value from the Spanish dollars then in circulation. The Spanish dollars were often cut into halves, quarters, and even smaller pieces to provide for small change. This was a good opportunity for rogues to slice a little piece off each one and sell the silver. This became so prevalent that it was a nuisance. Seldom, indeed, would four quarters make a dollar!

The Revolutionary period produced few coins but was prolific in paper money. So many of the Continental currency bills issued that the phrase—"not worth a Continental" became a current slang phrase. In fact to this date genuine Continental bills may be purchased for a few cents.

Though the Articles of Confederation gave Congress the right to coin money yet little was done toward establishing a national monetary system until the coming of the Constitution. Benjamin Franklin devised the Fugio Cent of 1787 which bore on one side an unbroken chain of 13 links—representing the states—and on the other a sun dial and this rather pertinent bit of advice: "Mind Your Own Business." There were also some cents put out bearing the portrait of General Washington. Many of the states issued coins at this time. Kentucky

issued a very interesting one having on one side a pyramid of 15 stars with the one representing Kentucky forming the apex.

The first national mint was established at Philadelphia in 1792 and the coinage began the next year. The first year only cents and half-cents were coined. The next year silver coins were made. The cents coined were the large cents that were once the bane of the shopper. Why they were made so large has never been explained. It seemed that the people must have wanted a cent worth of copper. However they were very convenient to pelt unpopular actors or speakers on the stage—as is recounted in many contemporary news accounts.

The story of the struggle over the old U. S. Bank retains its interest for us largely because of the personalities of the oppos-

ing leaders. Jackson, the sturdy old soldier, strove to demolish it as an enemy of the common man. Clay, the stately old aristocrat, defended it with all the eloquence and fire of a Demosthenes, as the common safeguard of all property. The struggle got into the field of numismatics since each party issued tokens for his side. These were the size of large cents and, owing to the scarcity of money, passed as such. These tokens were called "Hard Times" tokens or Jackson Cents. The designs upon the tokens were bitterly partisan and ridiculed the opposing party. Especially the ones attracting Jackson were bitter.

One of them showed Jackson with safe and money bags and the words "I take the Responsibility; the Constitution as I understand it," another shows a phoenix rising from the ashes and the legend "Substitute for Shinplasters" "Specie payments Suspended," there are many others equally as interesting. However bitter the political fights of the present day they had nothing on our forefathers.

Strange to say, the anti-slavery struggle produced few tokens to remind one of the colossal fight waged. A few were issued however. The most interesting ones were put out by a Boston anti-slavery society and consisted of a pair. One is the kneeling figure of a nude female slave in chains and with this legend around the edge: "Am I Not a Woman and a Sister" Its mate shows a male slave in the same posture and the words: "Am I Not a Man and a Brother?" On the opposite side is the legend: "May Slavery and Oppression Cease Throughout the World," and the clasped hands of a negro and a white man.

The Civil War again brought on an occasion for issuing more tokens because of the increased need for money and also, when peoples passions are inflamed it is a time when patriotic mottoes and sayings find their widest appeal. Many merchants all over the country issued tokens or cents with patriotic mottoes such as: "The Flag of Our Country—If Anyone Attempt to Tear It Down Shoot Him on the Spot." Another says, "No Compromise with Traitors," "The Union Must and Shall Be Preserved." Many of them bore photos of great presidents including Lincoln. Another kind of money issued at this time was the fractional currency, vulgarly known as "Shin-

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plasters" which were in the denominations of 5, 10, 15, 25, and 50c. Still all of this did not fill the need for money and certain merchants put ordinary postage stamps in brass cases and certain merchants put ordinary postage stamps in brass cases and covered the face with mica. On the backs were placed the advertisements of the dealers who put them out. These circulated as money. This is the most interesting medium of exchange ever used in this country remarkable for its freakish moneys. How odd it would seem to go into a store and purchase a nickel's worth of candy with a 5c postage stamp which had on its back the advertisement: "Take Ayres Cathartic Pills"—advice which it might be well to follow after eating the candy.

One of the most interesting coins ever put out by the American Government is the "Trade Dollar" which was issued from 1873 to 1883. This dollar, somewhat larger than the ordinary dollar but worth less, was not issued for circulation in the United States. From the time of the opening of the Orient to trade there had been a need for a medium of exchange there. The need was being supplied by the use of Mexican silver dollars. Enterprising American traders thought it would be well for the United States to issue a dollar to take the place of it in commerce and at the same time get rid of some of the surplus silver in the country. The idea was accepted in Congress and they issued 36,000,000 of them during a period of ten years. Now the dollars were somewhat larger than the Mexican coins but were actually worth 7 per cent less. The American traders expected them to be in great demand because of their size. It did not take long for the canny Orientals to find this out and they soon made the coins taboo. The merchants finding no use for them over there began dumping them back into the United States. Naturally the home merchants and bankers raised a howl and Congress was forced to redeem them. They are the only U. S. coins ever legally "called in." They are not now legal tender.

Nothing has been said about political tokens since they form a field in themselves but there is one exception that may be made. During the campaign of 1896 the question of free silver was the chief issue. Bryan's platform promised free coinage of

silver in the ratio of 16 to 1. The Republican party put out some "Bryan Dollars" ridiculing his ideas. Many of them are extremely interesting. As an example one might mention one as follows: "United Snakes of America" Rx "Billy Bryan's One Dam Free Silver" has Donkey-headed goose. Or one with head of Bryan and motto "In God We Trust—For The Other 47 Cents." These were all much larger than the ordinary silver dollar to show how large they must be to come up to the value of gold. All in all they were an effective means of campaign.

Another fascinating lot of American coins are the Commemorative half-dollars that have been issued since 1892. Beginning with the Columbian half-dollar of that year and coming on down to the present day these coins commemorate many of the outstanding events of our history. However their issue had gotten to be merely a money making scheme and they were issued on the slightest excuse. It is to be hoped that a stop has now been put to that by President Hoover's spirited denunciation of the whole idea in his veto of the proposed Gadsden Purchase issue.

This article merely scratches the surface of American Numismatic history. Books have been written on single phases of the subject. But it is hoped that some of the important points have been touched and that the reader has gained a few sidelights on the subject that will make him desire to learn something more of a fascinating subject.

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Odd Collection of Old Currency Found in Boston

An odd collection of currency and things having to do with currency has come to light in Boston. The pieces are thought to have been assembled as samples of engraving, for they were found in the effects of a workman of John Hudson Elwell, bookplate engraver, on Bromfield Street, says *The Boston Transcript*. It is a miscellaneous sheaf of papers, ranging in size from a piece the size of four postage stamps to large proofsheets of pre-Revolutionary bills of credit.

Very little is known as to the circumstances which led to the collection. By much searching at such a place as the Athenaeum, it is possible to discover some lore of United States and colonial currency, though it does not completely place these plates.

As brief introduction, one authority says that paper currency was first issued in this country by the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1690 to pay off the soldiers who had joined the Canadian expedition for what booty they could collect. They collected none, so the colony attempted to repay them with notes which should be good for merchandise, but not serve as legal tender. The intention was good, but it was soon found that the notes would not always be accepted for full value, in fact very quickly were almost worthless.

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War Material

JOSEPH J. O'BROCTA, New York, has some rare documents in his possession and loves particularly those things pertaining to history.

Mr. O'Brocta has what some say is a valuable record. It is an 8-page typed civil war manuscript of Lucius Jones, Jr., in which is described the battles from the beginning to the surrender of General Lee.

This document was typed as soon as the soldier was discharged.

One hundred various kinds of records of the Quarter Master Department of the United States Army kept during the Civil War comprise another part of Mr. O'Brocta's collection of historical material. These include abstracts, records, clothing receipts and other receipts of civil war soldiers. Another old piece bearing historical associations is an old probate of will made in Danbury, England, in 1819.

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*Buys Old Hawthorne Book Worth
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A SHORT time ago Mrs. Charles L. Couch, wife of a wealthy Buffalo business man and an amateur book collector, attended a sale of old volumes. She

bought a half dozen aged books, paying 25 cents apiece. One of the books was "The Scarlet Letter," by Nathaniel Hawthorne. Now, after consulting with book experts, Mrs. Couch has learned that the Hawthorne book is a genuine first edition and is worth \$1,500. She does not plan to sell it, but will add it to her collection, she says.

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Collects Literature Pertaining to Arizona

HISTORY in particular owes much to the collecting of newspaper and magazine clippings. Almost every historian makes use in some way of excerpts from the press.

Col. James H. McClintock, Phoenix, Ariz., postmaster, and former member of the Arizona Rough Riders has in his office in the federal building eleven drawers devoted to his personal files. Here the colonel, a former newspaperman, keeps a collection of clippings of practically anything which he thinks may be used in his writings about the State. For Mr. McClintock is a historian and has contributed one book in three volumes under the title of "Arizona—The Youngest State." He has also contributed articles to magazines too.

Mr. McClintock also keeps files containing nothing but pictures of friends, state's leaders, and places of interest.

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Violinist Is Bibliophile

JASCHA HEIFETZ, the celebrated violinist is an enthusiastic bibliophile. Among rare volumes in his collection are a first edition of Byron, a Kilmarnock Burns, a fourth folio Shakespeare, a Kelmscott Chaucer, and first editions of all of George Moore's works.

Collection of Books

HOWARD VINCENT O'BRIEN writing in a Chicago daily not long ago said this:

"Yale university was founded by a group of clergymen pooling their private libraries. And the wisest schoolmaster we ever knew used to say that all there was to college education was learning how to use a library."

Mr. O'Brien takes Chicago to point out an example:

"Chicago is full of libraries that one never hears of. Swift & Company has one. So has the Commonwealth Edison Company, the Peoples Gas Company, the Telephone Company, Halsey, Stuart & Company, the Abbott Laboratories.

"There is even a Special Library Association, with Joseph A. Conforti as president and Miss Buena Lindsay as secretary-treasurer.

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An Old Geography

S. DUQUETTE, Florida, after reading the article in the May issue pertaining to old geographies was moved to write of an item in his collection:

"I have a geography," he says, "that was printed in New York in 1859. It claims, 'a compendium of history from earliest times, by Samuel Whelpley.' It also reads, 'this is a new edition brought down to present times with additions and corrections by Samuel Emerson, A. M.' The introduction contains a letter addressed to the Rev. Samuel Miller, D. D., one of the ministers of the United Presbyterian Church in New York which is interesting, and the first author signs himself

'And am Rev. Sir

Your most obedient

and very humble servant

Samuel Whelpley.'

"The footnotes of the editor regarding the naming of the colonies are good," says Mr. Duquette. "For instance, here are two of them. 'And what is the objection of naming our country Fredonia which name was suggested by one of our greatest scholars?' 'Also it would be very proper to have called it Columbia.' The latter suggestion was made by Whelpley."

What Our Readers Collect

HOWARD PARSONS, New Jersey, has an eye in particular for colonial newspapers, almanacs, and documents, and has already acquired approximately thirty newspapers dating from 1763 to 1800. One contains four bills signed by Washington; one has a notice of a Masonic meeting signed by the Most Worshipful Master, Paul Revere; one gives the account of the Boston Massacre that happened the day before the paper was printed. Another has a Paul Revere and Sons advertisement. A notice telling that the Government has extended the privilege of franking letters to Martha Washington is included in the reading matter of another. Others mention Old Ironsides, and all contain many interesting and historical news items, and curious advertisements. The almanacs are mostly by Ames and Thomas and one is Benjamin Franklin's, "Poor Richards." Some of the documents are rather early New England ones, and among them are some signed by the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Mr. Parsons has a German bible printed in 1601 and an English bible printed in 1647. A history of the Massachusetts Bay Colony which he owns was issued in 1765. These form only a part of the interesting collection belonging to Mr. Parsons.

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Two Interesting Editions

TASTES in book collecting vary as in anything else. And while some collect hymn books, others collect editions pertaining only to the lives of gangsters and other criminals.

Fred V. Peterson, Iowa, however, favors books, it seems that pertain to political data. Two in particular, in his collection, are very interesting. One is *The Political Textbook, or Encyclopedia*, containing everything necessary for the reference of politicians and statesmen of the United States. It is edited by M. W. Cluskey, has nearly 800 pages, and was printed in 1857. The other book is "The Trial of Andrew Johnson, President of the United States, before the Senate of the United States, on Impeachment, for High Crimes and Misdemeanors, Vol. 1., 1868, published by order of the Senate. It contains 745 pages.

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"The atlas was done by Abraham Ortelius and published May 20, 1570. Ortelius was born in Antwerp, April 14, 1527, and died there in 1598. This first world atlas was published under the title of "Theatrum Orbis Terrarum" and the colorings of the maps are as vivid today as they were when the plates were first made by hand 360 years ago. It is written entirely in Latin.

The four other owners have inscribed their names on the front page and affixed the date that it came into their possession. The first was Thomas R. Radley, who lived in London and had the book in 1583, thirteen years after its publication.

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Hymn-book collecting was the hobby of an English clergyman who died recently. He boasted that he had a copy of every hymn-book ever published; they nearly filled a room in his house.

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\$13,000 for a Copy of "Pickwick"

A COPY of the first issue of "Pickwick Papers," with a fragment of the original autograph manuscript brought \$13,000 recently at the American Art Association-Anderson Galleries, Inc., at the first session of the auction of the library of George Ulizio, Pine Valley, N. J.

This copy, which was purchased by Jerome Brooks, a dealer, is one of the fourteen "Prime" copies which thus far have been stamped with the approval of bibliographers and experts in that field of rare book knowledge. It was the first "Pickwick" owned by the late George Barr McCutcheon.

Because of trouble he had experienced in perfecting part two of this copy, Mr. McCutcheon sold it. Since then a perfect part two has been substituted, and the copy thus takes its place among the fourteen known "prime" copies.

The purchaser of this copy also paid \$2,500 for a copy of the first American edition of "Pickwick Papers" in parts, complete, and \$1,600 for a complete copy, in parts, of "The Library of Fiction," in which some of the works of Dickens make their first appearance. A copy of the first octavo edition, in the original parts, of Dicken's "The Adventures of Oliver Twist," went to Barnet J. Beyer for \$1,400. The same purchaser gave \$875 for a copy of the first edition, in parts, of Dicken's "The Personal History of David Copperfield."

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Omission

In our rush to get to press in the April issue we find that we failed to give credit to the author of the article on bookmarks condensed from the New York Sun. Aaron Mendoza, of the Mendoza Book Shop, New York City, was the author of this well written article.

BOOKS FOR COLLECTORS

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THE representative of a famous book collecting house—world wide seeker after rare books and manuscripts, says, "Collecting old books is largely a matter of money, for rarity has already identified the objects of search. It takes more discrimination to pick out from matter published today those examples which collectors will value in the future."

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Owens a Dictionary Printed 175 Years Ago

J. W. NORRIS of Kansas, owns a dictionary which has been in his family for 175 years. The old book is in a wonderful state of preservation. On the inside of the cover have been written the names of the owners for eight generations. The similarity of the handwriting is striking.

The name of the first owner, Jeremiah Norris, appears together with the date 1756. Each generation, as the book has been handed down, has written in it.

The contents of the dictionary are interesting. In the preface is the following in regard to Newton and gravitation: "As the Newtonian Mathesis is not only new, but of a very sublime nature, it is no wonder if no vestige thereof can be found in any of our common dictionaries." The author of the book then goes on to state that his work contains "Sir I. Newton's own definition."

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IN this issue of HOBBIES appears an advertisement of the Illinois Book Exchange, 337 W. Madison Street, Chicago, Ill., dealers in law books, Americana, rare and out of print books since 1904. These progressive book people are continually adding to their stock of the above mentioned subjects.

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Collects Old Newspapers

DR. THOMAS MABBOTT, New York, collects old U. S. newspaper, files or preferably odd numbers, printed before 1881. The latter date he set as his limit because the woodpulp era began in some large cities about 1870, and in smaller towns even by the end of that decade. He prefer odd or unusual papers, and yet all save the commonest things have a certain charm about them, he says. At present his collection includes nearly a thousand titles, which represent papers from 43 of the states. Mr. Mabbott says, "as I look through some of them I am surprised that the standards of small town papers often lowered after the Civil War—and also by the greater vigor of the Western papers in that period compared with the Eastern issues. Of course the collection has one great drawback, the papers are very hard to keep. But somehow I manage, and many a paper have I bought in time to save it from the junkpile or kindling box. For while people often attach a high value to a reprint of the Ulster County Gazette, an old local paper is thought too humble for any use at all."

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Increases Appetite

"Sorry I am not able to put more time into my collecting. Receiving the last two copies of HOBBIES only gave me an appetite for more collecting."—John J. Lechky.

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Prices That Collections Bring

ASIDE from the personal associations connected with the assembling of a library is its commercial value, which often runs up into high figures.

THE American portion of the library of Victor Morin of Montreal, Canada, comprising voyages, explorations, Canadian, Indian manuscripts by Jesuit fathers, Jesuit relations and miscellaneous Americana, was sold by the American Art Association Anderson Galleries, Inc., recently, the 10,337 lots bringing \$10,263. A few unusual lots and prices realized were the following: *The Canadian Antiquarian and Numismatic Journal*, first, second and third series, 29 vols., 8vc, half roan, montreal, 1872-1916, \$150; the original edition of Champlain's first four voyages to America, 4to, calf, Paris, 1613, \$260; Father Pierre Joseph Chaumont's original auto-

graph manuscript of a Huron Indian-French dictionary, 257 pp., including 33 pp. of conversational sentences, small 4to, original vellum, circa 1683, \$200; A series of 12 tinted lithographs of Western Scenes made at the outbreak of the Indian Wars by Vincent Brooks, folio, 1867, \$290; Manuscript manual used by the missionaries of the Indian Reservation of the Lake of Two Mountains for the translation of Vespers, Prayers, Litanies, etc., 67 pp., commenced by Father Guichard about 1760 and continued by his successors, \$105; and a series of 75 comic lithographs by Currier & Ives, including some very rare prints, New York, 1875-1889, \$350.

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An Educational Hobby

One of my professors once said, in speaking of lending his books, that their value was enhanced by the penciled notes he found on the margins when they were returned.

From that remark made many years ago has grown the idea herein embodied.

From my reading, which is wide and varied, I cull things I believe particularly good, or unusual, and pass them on to my friends with an envelope containing small sheets of paper, and the request that they comment on the article or book as they read. There are about a dozen intimates, varying at times, upon whom I practice this stunt, and most of them are happy to comply with my request.

The results are very gratifying. Those little slips of paper in the envelope written, scribbled, sometimes typed, according to the time, mood or ability of the writer make most fascinating reading. The subject matter ranges all the way from the humorous to the sublime, and much of it is genuinely classic.

This hobby gives me a wonderful insight into the character of my friends, and quite often a person with the subject fresh in his mind will write what he might forget or might be too diffident to express were the matter referred to later or in company.

Also I get many new slants, and often re-read the articles or books with much greater appreciation of their contents before finally filing them away.

Perhaps the most amusing part of this diverting pastime is trying to interest one's non-reading friends. When finally persuaded, they generally get a different viewpoint from that of a wider reader and their comments are usually spontaneous and unusual. They respond perhaps more

readily to some humorous bit, but at any rate, I am amply repaid for trying to interest them and it's a worthwhile effort for its own sake.

—Sent in by Mrs. E. H. Hudson, Canada.

Could not Answer Them All

"I received so many replies to the Ad which appeared in HOBBIES that I simply could not answer them all and for this reason I request you to kill the Ad."—*H. C. Drake, Portland, Ore.*

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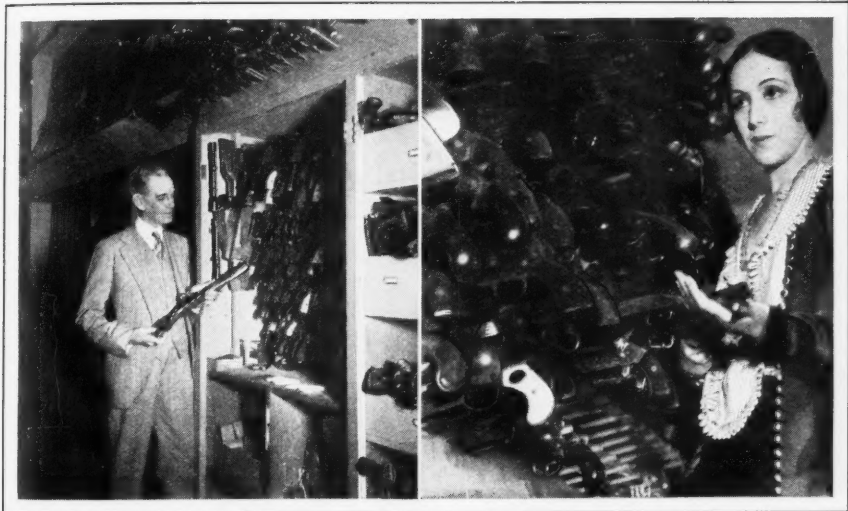
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Firearms for the Movies Come from This Collection; Above Are Some of the Hundreds of Guns of All Makes and Periods, from Which Weapons Can Be Selected to Outfit an Entire Movie Army

GUNS and pistols sufficient to supply a small army, each specimen historically accurate, are owned by a Hollywood firearms collector who supplies the movies with any kind of weapon from an old flintlock gun to a modern sub-machine rifle. About 7,000 pieces are included in the collection of guns, pistols, machine guns, field pieces, swords and bayonets. In the armory are weapons of every period and from all the countries of the world. The epochal periods in American history are represented by corresponding firearms in volume in order to supply the large number of extras appear-

ing in historical productions. These guns graduate from the old smooth-bore of the days of the Pilgrim fathers to the regulation army rifles used in the world war. Machine guns of every make ever used are included and are equipped for mounting in trenches, on carriage or in airplanes. Ammunition for all the pieces is also kept on hand, this including about 300,000 rounds of blank cartridges. There is even a comedy gun for the slapstick picture, a shotgun with an S-shaped stock to enable a man blind in the right eye to sight with his left eye while firing from the right shoulder.

Some Early Gunsmiths

GEORGE J. REMSBURG, of Porterville, Calif., writes: "Does any firearms collector happens to have any guns bearing the stamp of F. X Roll, Jacob Early or F. C. Zimmerman? The writer, has found records of early gunsmiths and gunfakers of the above names.

The first mentioned, F. X. Roll, it seems, was a French gunsmith and locksmith, who settled at Liberty, Mo., in the days when that town was the frontier jumping-off place for the "wild and wooly west," and established a gun shop there. For 50 years, the record says, he repaired and made the guns and locks of the pioneers. Liberty, Mo., was founded in 1822.

Jacob Early was a Tennessean, who early became a frontiersman and a contemporary of Kit Carson and Jim Bridger, for whom he is said to have repaired and made guns. He went to the Rocky Mountains in 1839. He served in the Mexican War. From 1853 to 1860 and was employed by the gov-

ernment as a gunsmith for the Sac and Fox Indians in what is now Kansas. In 1864 he moved to the writer's old-home town, Atchison, Kan., where he operated a gun shop for years. He died in 1886 at the age of 70 years. His son once told the writer that his father made many guns that had his name or initials stamped on them.

F. C. Zimmerman, gunsmith, was born in Prussia, in 1838. At the age of 16, he became foreman for Gastrine Rennett, gunsmith in Paris, and had 40 men working under him. He landed in New York City, in 1863, and worked at his trade in several of the Eastern States. In 1872 he drifted westward and became a dealer in firearms and ammunition and later hardware, at Dodge City, Kan., the "Cowboy Capital of the Plains," and among his customers were "Wild Bill" Hickok, Bat Masterson, Bill Tilghman, Wyatt Earp and others of the most famous gun men and peace officers of the old West.

Another Western Son Collects Guns

A DEVOUT student of medicine and surgery, Dr. L. E. Dickinson, Ravenna, Neb., also finds time to spend with his hobby, the study and collection of guns.

During the past years, Dr. Dickinson has acquired approximately forty-five guns.

Some came from Germany, one was found in the ruins of old Fort Banishment which stood near Ravenna on the banks of the Loup, some were gleaned from attics and refuse heaps, some are family relics, and most of them came from friends.

In explaining the evolution of the gun, Dr. Dickinson can produce weapons manufactured as far back as 1823. Starting with the crude muzzle-loader, the old musket, the elementary breech-loader up to the modern military Springfield rifle, a direct line can be traced. While many of the models are clumsy and awkward, some are undeniably the products of a mind far ahead of its time. Famous names in gunsmithy, such as Perry, Harper's Ferry, Spencer, Ogden Bros., Savage, the first Winchester's, may be found in the collection. The "set" or "hair-trigger," the Kentucky "squirrel"

rifle are also represented.

It is easily explained why America is among the leaders in gun manufacture, in the opinion of the doctor. In the first place, this country was settled in a single century and this was done by conquest route, taking it from the Indians. Protection was foremost in the minds of our pioneers and the gunsmith was a gentleman whose profession was of real importance and responsibility.

In the second place, no country in the world has been better stocked with wild game than America. African animals were and are bigger, but no more abundant. Americans have always been a nation of hunters, and in Dr. Dickinson's opinion this is one explanation why American soldiers are considered the best in the world. The American army of 1918 was whipped together in a hurry, because young America knew how to handle a gun.

Collectors of some renown have examined Dr. Dickinson's collection, and pronounce it quite complete and of considerable historical value.

DEN ARMS

(Continued from May Issue)



NUMBER 29 is the Savage .36 calibre percussion Civil War Revolver. The ring-trigger cocks the hammer and revolves the cylinder, by the use of the middle finger, and the index or trigger finger fires the piece, thus using two fingers for the business of firing. Number 30 is the Pettengill .44 calibre, hammerless Civil War Revolver, said to be the best revolver mechanically, that came out during Civil War times. Number 31 is the Merwin & Hulbert 44-40 calibre revolver, of double-action, with a folding cocking lever in the hammer. Number 32 is the famous

Prescott Navy .32 calibre rim-fire revolver, made by E. A. Prescott. Number 33 is a World War "1918" 9 m/m Luger automatic pistol, posed for comparison with the Civil War types. Do you catch this idea of making comparison, to stimulate interest in the exhibit? It is very important. Number 34 is the Rogers & Spencer Civil War percussion .44 calibre revolved. Said to be the largest of the Civil War Revolvers. Number 35 is the Adams Patent .36 calibre Civil War percussion revolver, with double action.—F. T. D.

A Reader Writes

In your May issue, page 80, an article states that several bills have been introduced in the House of Representatives at Harrisburg, Pa.—several anti firearms bills. Is it not a fact, as well as common knowledge, that those who are in favor of anti-weapon laws are neither proficient in the use of weapons, nor are these persons of any good use in times of national calamities except as agitators or general nuisances. Their persistence in stating that without weapons there would be fewer crimes, is getting monotonous. From what authority do they speak! They have no facts to back up their theories.

Crime can never be curbed by disarming the law abiding citizens. All anti-weapon laws seem to be of no avail. Hence the increase in crime. A few years ago a law was passed prohibiting the sending of a pistol by mail. No doubt those favoring that law thought that the bandit got his pistol by mail. As a matter of fact, I believe he never gets his arms by mail. That is the last place that he wants his name on record. I have been in the mail service more than 40 years, and I have never known of a single instance where a bandit or bad character of any kind got a pistol by mail, nor have I ever heard of any one who ever heard of or knew of a single case of this kind.

In a country where nearly every one goes armed there is less crime than any country in the world.

Here are a few facts taken from the Pacific Arms Corp. of San Francisco catalog that it might be well for those favoring anti-weapon laws to digest before playing into the bandits hands:

1. What has made the United States the super nation of the world? The marvelous small arms workmanship of its men.

2. Who won the World War? Who beat the English at New Orleans? Superior pistol and rifle workmanship of its men.

3. A disarmed people is a conquered people, call it by any name you like. Look at Germany, India, Korea, China, etc.

4. Criminals out for plunder are always armed. Since time out of mind fear of

the law has failed to check the criminal; a pistol never fails.

5. Twenty million homes in America must be protected. Locks, bolts and bars can't give this protection. Small arms can. Uncle Sam's Post Office uses over 40,000 pistols and hundreds of shot guns to keep the mails from being robbed, and they will soon arm each individual postal clerk.

7. The Swiss law compels everybody to be proficient in the use of arms and to own the best arms obtainable. No crime in Switzerland. No foreign violation of its neutrality during the World War.

8. The French Parliament has passed a law arming all their good folks with pistols to curb the criminals.

9. He who hath no sword, let him sell his garment and buy one. (Luke 22-36). Self protection is nature's first law.

10. There are less crimes per capita in Alaska than any other country in the world. Everybody is armed there.

11. What enabled Crockett with his few chums to keep back the Mexican Army at Alamo? American pistol and rifle workmanship.

12. As freeman it's our alienable right to own and carry arms given us since time out of mind, and later by the constitution of the United States.

13. In South America there are municipal target ranges but no crime waves, everybody is armed there.

14. Eternal vigilance with arms at hand is the price of liberty.

15. The anti-weapon laws are a premium on rape, a promotion of robbery, an encouragement of graft and an aid to silent murder.

16. Sparta was invincible as long as her citizens were proficient in the use of arms, but was easily destroyed when the citizen's had forgotten the art of handling them. The same happened to China, Babylon, Egypt, Athens, Carthage and Rome. The United States is no exception.

17. The invasion of unarmed American homes by the floating criminal population is certain if you will allow anti-weapon laws to pass.

18. The moment this great nation of ours cannot by arms protect itself, it will perish. If we cannot use arms, we are in grave danger when attacked, therefore, if you like to live, you must have arms to protect your dearest ones and yourself.

19. Insidious propaganda, pacifism and fanaticism are being spread by American agents of foreign powers.

Sincerely,

L. S. Wright
Portland, Ore.

THE PEPPERBOX

By MART F. HIGGINS

THE "Pepperbox" was a heavy clumsy weapon, made in both percussion-cap and cartridge form, in which cylinder and barrel were all one, and which was capable of firing from three to six or even more shots. Its name is derived from the resemblance its muzzle, with its several round holes, bears to a salt-shaker or pepperbox of a certain type.

The principle is as old as gunpowder weapons, the writer having seen, in San Francisco, a Chinese wall-gun (1300) the barrel of which was two feet long, turned by hand with three barrels bored in one solid piece of metal. The principle was attempted in flint-lock weapons in the eighteenth century, as early as 1743. This pistol fired eight shots, with barrels that would unscrew separately, and had but one cock and frizzen, the battery the striking of which by the flint produced a spark and ignited the powder.

But it remained for American gunsmiths in the early percussion days of about 1830, and up to 1870, to turn them out to any extent. It is needless to say that they were far from accurate. From three to six barrels, smooth bore, were bored in one piece of steel, revolving on a central axis, usually turned by the action of cocking, thus bringing each nipple in turn under the hammer. They were loaded at the muzzle with powder and ball, and fired by means of a percussion cap, in some cases the nipple being protected by a shield, in many cases not. The six-shooters were very heavy. There were no sight. The trigger was usually of the ring variety with a flat hammer, and was self-cocking. The principal maker of these was Ethan Allen. (Allen & Thurber, Grafton, Mass., 1837-42; Norwich, Conn., 1842-47; Worcester, Mass. 1847-56; Allen & Wheelock, Worcester, Mass. 1856-65.) They were sometimes as long as ten inches with a six-inch barrel, although the average was eight inches with four and one-half inch barrel. Very occasionally the flat hammer would have a small hole at its base through which to sight as the hammer rose in cocking.

Another variation was a plain trigger with a spur guard. A pistol of six inches with a three-inch barrel, firing five shots,

was the popular pocket size. This had an ordinary trigger and guard. The calibre varied from .30 to .39. More rarely was to be found a four-barreled one, and even a three, the latter of which was the only one whose barrel was turned by hand, and which revolved from left to right as well as from right to left. Still more rare was one with an ordinary pistol hammer in place of the flat one, and which, hence, was not self-cocking.

D. H. Hilliard, a gunmaker of Cornish, N. H., flooded his territory with guns, rifles and pistols with the cap nipple and hammer underneath the barrel, which could be produced more cheaply and was supposed to have an advantage in sighting.

The pepperbox was also produced abroad in England, Belgium and France, but as a rule with separate barrels, from four to ten in number, that might each be unscrewed from the frame. Later, in cartridge days, a French one was made, carrying a pin-fire cartridge and with a folding trigger, that had every appearance of a revolver without a barrel, firing directly from the cylinder. A very interesting one of this type, and on which the maker does not seem to put his name, is a foreign one, the butt of which folded up forms brass knuckles, and which has also a wavy-bladed dagger that could be unfolded to the front.

The only percussion pepperbox that deserves to be remembered, and which was really an excellent pocket gun of the period, was manufactured by Robbins & Lawrence of Windsor, Vt. It was patented in 1849. This weapon, which was nicely finished in plum brown steel, finely engraved, and of different length and calibres—and which was the solitary one with rifled barrels, both barrels and riflings being

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284—Simeon North 1816 U. S. martial flintlock pistol Double front band and brass flash pan. Good	\$19.45
242—American-made flintlock duelling pistol with curly maple stock engraved lock and brass mounted. 9 inch bbl. Fine	37.50
243—Brass barrel flintlock full stock duelling pistol by Phillips-London. 9 inch brass and oct. bbl., with all proof marks. Brass mounted with engraved lock and hammer. Fine	24.50
245—French half-stock flintlock duelling pistol with carved stock and 9 inch oct. bbl. Good	14.50
67—Early English military flintlock pistol with full stock and 9 inch bbl. Good and showy	12.50
342—Japanese Matchlock rifle. Calibre 5/8 inch. Stock done in Oriental hard wood and mounted with figures in silver and brass. Barrel inlaid with silver and yellow metal to bird and animal designs. 35 inch bbl. Fine	24.50
320—Flintlock Kentucky half-stock rifle of .32 calibre. Curly maple stock with cheek-piece and brass patch-box. Brass mounted. The thimbles are under rib of bbl. 46 inch bbl. Lock marked, "Rashmore & Son." Very good	34.50
117—Lefauchaux center-fire .44 cal. revolver. Six shot center fire, with 6 inch round bbl. Swivel ring in butt. Fine	6.85
211—Moore seven-shot .32 calibre revolver. Marked on bbl., "D. Moore Patent Sept. 18, 1860." 5 inch bbl. Very good	8.45
112—E. Whitney .36 calibre Navy revolver with 7-3/4 inch bbl. and in very good condition	11.45
230—Colt 1860 model .44 calibre Civil War revolver with 8 inch bbl. and cut for extension stock. Very good	14.50
276—Moore test-cartridge revolver with spur-trigger and 3-1/4 inch bbl. Silver plated and very good	7.45
232—Colt .36 Navy Civil War revolver with 7-1/2 inch bbl. in very good condition	13.75
149—My Friend knuckle-duster pepperbox .22 calibre. Good	9.75
234—Colt 1849 model .31 calibre pocket five-shot revolver with 4-3/8 inch bbl. Good	8.75
427—Colt 1848 pocket police model five-shot .31 calibre revolver, built without rammer, and just like the Wells Fargo. Rectangular cylinder slots. All numbers alike 323. Fine	35.00
215—Colt 1855 side-hammer .28 calibre five-shot percussion revolver with 3-1/2 inch bbl. and almost all original finish. Fine	17.50
158—Lefauchaux .35 calibre pin-fire revolver with 4-1/8 inch round bbl. Folding trigger and engraved. Fine	5.35
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120—Merwin & Bray .32 calibre front loading rev. 3-1/2 inch bbl. Good	5.45
291—Presentation pin-fire revolver with engraved and gold-plated frame, straps and butt-plate and blue 3-1/2 inch bbl. One of the most beautiful of these I have seen. Fine	8.75
218—Warner 1857 patent percussion pocket revolver, converted to rim-fire. Only fair, but showy for the money	5.00
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307—London revolving cylinder rifle put up in a very beautiful light sporting rifle of about .41 calibre C. F. 25-1/4 inch oct. bbl. Double action and smooth working. Walnut stock with cheek piece. So showy and Good	17.50
306—Warner revolving cylinder carbine of about .41 calibre percussion. Swiss butt-plate and 22 inch bbl. Good	42.50
312—Three-barrel revolving percussion rifle, made by some Master American gunsmith. The barrels unlatch to turn by hand, via a button back of breech. Peep sight with lense. Each bbl. has it's own lug and nipple. 25 inch bbbs. Sporting type stock. Fine. One of the most rare guns known	45.00
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267—Elliot's Patent Remington ring-trigger four-shot .32 calibre rim-fire pistol. Good	7.45
220—Double barrel Remington. 41 calibre pocket pistol. Good	8.45
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THE PEPPERBOX

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five in number—unscrewed a little more than half-way down the barrel, so that it could be loaded at the breech, then broken downward for the purpose of adjusting the caps, which were thus protected. The concealed hammer did the revolving to strike the different cap nipples, the barrel remaining stationary, giving far greater accuracy. It was hammerless, and was cocked by a ring trigger, fitting directly in front of which and curving just the opposite direction from an ordinary trigger, was the firing-trigger. It also had both front and rear sights, and was the only pepperbox of its day capable of any precision.

After the introduction of metallic cartridges, the Bacon Arms Company produced a six-shooter of .22 calibre with a three inch cylinder turning on a removable pin. Sharps, one of four shots, .31 calibre, the barrel of which slid forward so as to load at the breech, the hammer having a revolving pin that struck each barrel in turn. The Remington Company, a five shot

.22 and a four shot .32 calibre hammerless, with ringed trigger, that broke downward to load. As a vest pocket weapon this latter is superior to anything of its size and calibre today, the .22 firing five shots at close range in two seconds and a half. A four inch pistol, very popular with crooks, was one with a seven shot cylinder, .22 calibre, on a removable pin, the butt of which formed a single brass knuckle, and was inscribed "My Friend."

Strange as it may seem the pepperbox idea has cropped up in comparatively recent years. The Shuttuck palm pistol, four shot in .22 and .25 calibres is only a variation of the old idea. The barrels being bored in one solid piece, which tips down for loading. It is hammerless and very aptly named the "Unique." It was patented in December 1906.

A still later member of the family is the "Brownie" four shot, which looks a little like an automatic, but in all essential features is a pepperbox, and was patented July 20 by O. F. Mossberg & Sons, New Haven, Conn.

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Indian Relics

Association of Indian Relic Collectors and Dealers

THE National Association of Indian Relic Collectors and Dealers, takes form this month with a temporary organization, it being understood that those who have accepted temporary offices serve only until the first meeting or until such time as a constitution can be framed and adopted and a national ballot carried on by mail.

HOBBIES sent out a questionnaire to all the Indian Relic Collectors whose names we had on file, and the officers as chosen represent a preponderant consensus of opinion from suggestions made.

Now that we are under way we want suggestions as to the advisability of holding a meeting and possibly an exposition at the same time. By all means we ought to plan for a big exposition at the Chicago World's Fair in 1933. All legitimate Indian Relic Collectors and dealers are asked to become members, and will receive a temporary membership card on receipt of their application with one dollar. This small sum is set only temporarily so that the Secretary can carry on the work necessary and have funds for postage stamps, stationery, and absolute necessities. The committee on constitution and by-laws will prepare an outline of the form of procedure to be submitted to the membership by mail or at the first meeting.

Now is the time to start exchanging ideas regarding the association. There is plenty to be accomplished and we want everybody's help.

Temporary officers selected are as follows: President G. B. Fenstermaker, Lancaster, Pa.; Active Vice-President, Donald O. Boudeman, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Honorary Vice-President, L. W. Stilwell, Deadwood, S. D.; Secretary R. A. Mosoriak, 6219 Ingle-side Ave., Chicago, Ill. Directors—G. R. Moore, Janesville, Wis.; O. C. Lightner,

publisher of HOBBIES, Chicago; T. O. Young, Syracuse, N. Y.; N. E. Carter, Elkhorn, Wis.; H. T. Daniel, Dardanelle, Ark.; Sprague W. Chambers, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Fain W. King, Paducah, Ky.; Charles K. Bassett, Buffalo, N. Y.; Ray O. Lyon, Clinton, Neb.; W. Straley, Independence, Mo.

L. W. Stilwell, Deadwood, South Dakota, who has made a name for himself in the Indian relic field, was suggested as honorary vice-president. Mr. Stilwell writes that he is much interested in the association but is eighty-eight years old and rather inactive at the present time although he is still running his famous curio and collection store at Deadwood. It was a signal honor to Mr. Stilwell that the trade throughout the country suggested his name. Almost everyone who wrote us suggested Mr. Stilwell for one office or another. However he requests that he not be given any office because of his desire to retire from active affairs of all kinds.

T. O. Young is President of the Farmers and Traders Life Insurance Company, Syracuse; Charles K. Bassett, Secretary, Buffalo Meter Company; W. Straley, archaeologist, associated with the old International Society of Archaeologists; Ray O. Lyon, owner of one of the largest Indian Relic and curio stores in the United States; G. B. Fenstermaker, member of The Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology; Sprague W. Chambers, owner, Chambers Publishing Co., Kalamazoo, Mich.; Fain W. King, executive of the King Mill & Lumber Company, and owner of the largest collection of Indian relics in the state of Kentucky; Donald O. Boudeman, Curator of Archaeology, Kalamazoo, Mich., Public Museum and Institute of Arts, and member of several state archaeological societies; H. T. Daniel, Indian relic dealer, Dardanelle, Ark.; N. E. Carter and

G. R. Moore need no introduction in the field of Indian relics; both are recognized as outstanding business men in the relic and curio field.

We print some of the expression of opinion about the association in the following.

Donald O. Boudeman, Kalamazoo, Mich.: In regard to organizing an Indian Relic Collectors' and Dealers' Association: I am in favor of such a move if only to get us all together and get acquainted. My belief has always been that there are few enough of us Indian relic men, so we should all know each other. Then, of course, an association would have many other advantages, such as the stamping out of fake relics, some movement towards a relic display at the coming World's Fair to be held at Chicago, a union for protection against adverse legislation, etc.

My opinion is that Chicago would be the logical place to hold any meetings of the proposed association.

G. B. Fenstermaker, Lancaster Pa.: I see big things for the Association of Indian Relic Collectors. It will help both the dealers and collectors and do a world of good in fact for everyone interested in this art.

Ray O. Lyon, Clinton, Neb.: I note that I have been chosen among the collectors to act as one of the temporary directors of the Association of Indian Relic Collectors, and in reply will say, that I will gladly accept the office and will do all I can to perfect a real organization.

There is so much fake stuff all over the country, and my idea would be to offer a service to the collectors, so they would at least know whether they are getting what they are paying for.

While I make my living buying and selling Indian goods, yet I love the Indian and his handicraft and I know that we can have an organization that will be a benefit to us all.

I hope we will be able to have a meeting and get things started soon. I will do everything for an Indian relic association and thing in my power to get this proposition moving.

Albert Bartz, Detroit, Mich.: I am very much interested in the organization of a Society of Indian Relic Collectors and will become a member as soon as the organization is started.

Both extra copies of HOBBIES that I received were placed in the public library and

I hope that some new subscriptions are the result.

D. M. Hubbard, Centralia, Ind.: I am strong for an Indian relic association and exhibit as well as other hobby exhibits; count on me going my limit for same.

W. Straley, Independence, Mo.: I will be glad to serve the Indian relic collectors organization as far as I am able. Perhaps would like to suggest a name for the organization at the proper time.

T. O. Young, Syracuse, N. Y.: I will be glad to assist in the organization of the new Indian relic collectors' and dealers' association and I promise to do all I can for the advancement of same

Sprague W. Chambers, Kalamazoo, Mich.: You can count on me as a member, and I will be glad to do anything I can to assist.

Fain W. King, Paducah, Ky.: I will be pleased to co-operate in any way possible in the organization, and to help permanently establish an organization of Indian relic collectors' and dealers' Association.

Arkansas Activities

G. E. Pilquist, Indian relic collector and dealer of Dardanelle, Ark., writes that the past winter and spring have made a rich harvest for the pottery and relic hunters in Arkansas. Many new burial sites were found all over the state. He says also, "Crop failures of last year and low prices of cotton caused people to hunt and dig for relics as they never had done before. The pottery and other relics. It was a great help to the people, as it was the only way many could get any money. Likewise many people dug, with good results on old ground where they hadn't dug for fifteen years. It is like hunting for gold one never gets it all."

Mr. Pilquist augmented his collection last season with 1,500 new pieces purchased here and there.

To Beloit, Wis. Museum

Excavations in Arkansas by Prof. Paul Nesbit, Beloit, Wis., archæologist, and Prof. Frank Ellis, Maquoketa, unearthed 4,000 specimens which were placed recently in the Beloit college Logan museum.

200 celts from 25c up to \$3.00 each, from 2 in. top to 12 in. 1000 bird arrows, \$7.00 per 100. 600 pieces of Arkansas pottery, all types, sizes and prices. 1 mortar and pestle, \$15.00. 10,000 slightly damaged arrowheads, \$1.75 per 100, average grade, \$3.00 per 100. Good perfect arrowheads, \$8.00 per 100. Damaged grooved tomahawks, \$3.00 per doz. 500 Oregon gem points, \$4.00 per doz. c-my-32



G. E. PILQUIST
Dardanelle, Ark.

An Unusual Indian Relic

Surradge R. Cameron, well known Chicago Antique and Indian relic dealer, has just obtained an unusually well preserved sun dance robe the history of which is highly interesting and reminiscent of early frontier days.

In a surprise attack on a small band of settlers moving westward near the border of Minnesota and North Dakota, all were slain including their oxen with the exception of one large ox which was of unusual size. The chief Hi Hawk had the animal taken to camp where it was slain and its hide fashioned into the sun dance robe.

Years later the robe was in the possession of the remnants of the tribe living on the Rosebud reservation in North Dakota, and finally found its way to its present owner. It is considered one of the rarities of Indian handicraft as few are found even in the larger collections.

13,500 Specimens in Exhibit

The Museum of American Indian, New York City, has what is accepted as the finest collection of primitive Indian remains ever unearthed in the southeastern section of the United States—the Clarence B. Moore archæological collection.

Mr. Moore devoted the best part of thirty years to the accumulation of the 13,500 specimens in the collection which was acquired about two years ago by the museum.

One of the outstanding pieces is one nicknamed the "Portland Vase of America," a piece of work fashioned from the hard diorite stone. Of almost geometrically perfect proportions, with a smooth and rounded

bowl, the article is embellished with a finely carved bird's head, suggestive of a crested wood duck.

Indian Tribes Originated Wedding Cake

Inasmuch as this is the month of brides, it is appropriate to render honor in this section to those who first served wedding cakes. History says the origin of the wedding cake is found among the traditions of the Fiji islanders and some tribes of American Indians. That first "wedding cake" was a meal cake that the new bride always offered to her husband.

Opens Indian Mound

The bowl of an Indian pipe believed to be of great age, was recently uncovered in an Indian mound near Stratford, Ia., by Frank A. Bonebright.

The bowl of the pipe is made of sandstone, Mr. Bonebright explained, and there are traces of tobacco to be found in the pipe. The relic is of crude workmanship and the finder believes that it existed centuries ago.

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Indian Lore — Ancient and Otherwise

By W. STRALEY

It's a long span between the travois and the airplane—nevertheless the press reports recently announced that Chief Cloud, Indian aviator was dangerously injured in a glider crash near Wichita, Kansas.

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Che-Qua-Kif-Ka-Tuppi (Shooting Star), an aged medicine man of the Menominee Indians, passed away near Shawano, Wis.

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During the past ten years, the Smithsonian Institute has done considerable exploring among the mounds and Indian ruins of Western Florida. A report made by the Associated Press says that numerous skulls and other relics were secured. We look forward to a complete report by the Institution.

John Dougherty, Western Pioneer, was

conspicuously identified with Indian affairs and with the history of the Platte purchase. He was born in Kentucky, April 12, 1791, and when 18 accompanied Lewis and Clark on their second expedition from St. Louis. He proved, despite his youth, to be one of the most daring of the band and was familiar with the Indian customs and languages. He served as Indian agent for a long period and was stationed at Fort Leavenworth, and at Council Bluffs. Later he was stationed at St. Louis. While there he was in the fur business with Choutians. He spoke several Indian dialects fluently and was called "Controller of Fire Water" by some, and "Iron Legs" by the Sioux tribes, because of his great endurance. He was valuable to the national government and the states because of his ability to converse with the different tribes, and his cleverness in dealing with them.

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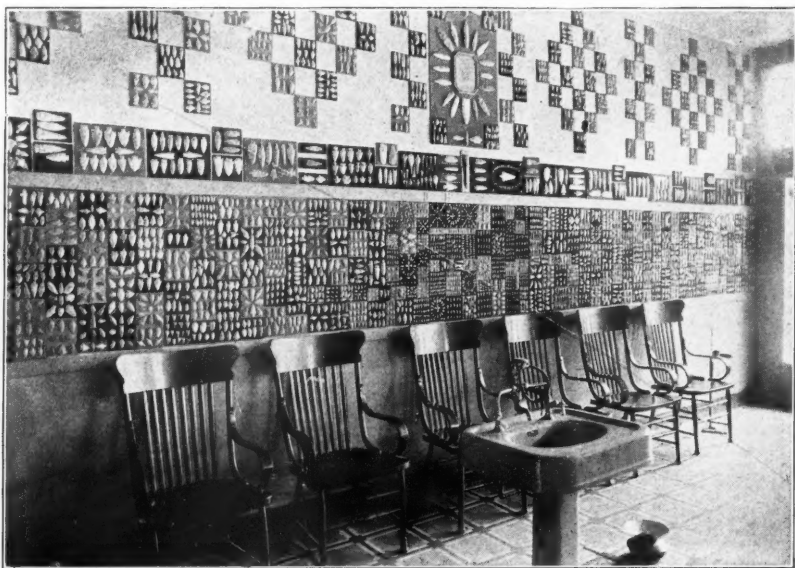
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Mrs. William G. Whealen, Buffalo, N. Y., is probably one of the most ardent woman collectors of Indian relics in the East. She has many pieces in her collection which are linked up with interesting Indian characters.

SYBIL REPPERT writing in the *Buffalo N. Y. Times* recently described the hobbies of one of her townswomen as follows:

"Indian visitors who sat so silently when they came to call on her father didn't know they were laying the foundation for a hobby that has given an added interest to the days of Mrs. William G. Whealen's life.

"For the Indians were a link with the mystery of the past. Their fathers had known her grandfather, had handled their business dealings with his help. And after their lands were sold, and they had crept away through the night from their old

Bucam street home to the Cattaraugus reservation, they came back sometimes to visit.

"From them, Mrs. Whealen learned the history of their tribes and became interested in collecting historical relics. When the old burying ground was moved, she helped identify the graves of Red Jacket and Mary Jemison.

"Even today,' she says, 'I think I could go through that section of town, built up as it is, and find the old Indian landmarks.'

"Included in Mrs. Whalen's collection is

an old tomahawk that once belonged to Chief Red Jacket.

"When the City of Lackawanna asked for a seal nearly 30 years ago, Mrs. Whealen designed it. A sailing ship is shown in the back, symbolic of the lake and shipping. Factories, loaded railway cars are suggested. At one side is a lone Indian on a hill, a reminder of the old days. Mrs. Whealen keeps a copy of the design presented to her by the mayor. It is embroidered in gold thread on blue, and framed.

"Among Mrs. Whealen's treasures are old autographs of historic figures dating back to Chaucer's day. She has silhouettes of characters who won fame during the Revolution, copies of the paper money issued by the Continental Congress promising to pay "in Spanish Milled Dollars according to the value received.

"As chairman of a civic committee she worked for years to establish the Lackawanna Public library. To it she has given an old copy of Penn's treaty with the Indians, never sworn to, never broken.

"To Franklin school Mrs. Whealen has given a copy of Franklin's famous letter to Strachan, and two pages from the first issue of 'Poor Richard's Almanack.'

"Among her historical relics are two crests, one that has come down through her husband's family, one through her own—crests with designs emblematic of the Crusades, of the feet that marched through the Holy Land to send their echoes ringing through the ages.

"English history has always had a special appeal to Mrs. Whealen. Pictures of the old English family homesteads of Washington, Franklin, William Penn, Miles Standish, John Harvard, John Cabot, John Winthrop are among her treasures.

"There is a picture of Elihu Yale's home too, which she includes in remembrance of a ship load of books he sent Cotton Mather to equip the new, struggling Yale university.

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ON first thought it may seem a little foolish to collect tombstone inscriptions but those who are engaged in this sort of work uncover much data that reveals interesting bits of history. Likewise there is both humor and pathos abounding in those last words marking the final resting place of man.

W. Bethel of Chicago, is a collector of interesting epitaphs. Some of his viewpoints on the subject are printed in the following:

"I advertised in *HOBBIES* for inscriptions but did it more as a 'feeler' than for anything else. I have had more answers than I had expected, but the inscriptions I have received do not cover what I want as far as epitaphs go. Very likely I did not explain in full details. But to several who answered, I gave tips as to where they could find what I wanted in their vicinity. So they will be ahead if they can locate the particular ones that my collection requires. I pay a dollar and a half each but must have negative and one print and of course that to be readable. I pay two dollars for the negative and print if I furnish the tips. One reply from Connecticut I could not use; but I did tip the party off to data that may net him something later.

"I advertise in *Camera Magazines* here and in England. The best epitaphs come from England. Old Mother Goose and Paul Revere are buried in Granuary.

For me the collection of epitaphs is a glorious hobby, and I suppose that I have been in a million old graveyards so far, and the thrill never dies.

"Pathos and humor, heartaches and happiness are carved in the various headstones, and one incident was more touching to me than any others, and I still often think of it. I was in an old grave yard and came across a stone which read: 'My Mammie and my Papy dears, dry up your tears, here I must lie until Christ appears.' I had just snapped the picture when a little bird flew on top of the stone, ran up and down a few times and then

hauled off and sang his little fool self all up in a knot. A second later and I would have caught him in the picture. Another time the stone was in such a position that it necessitated a flashlight so I came back at night, and I was on my knees focusing the camera in a rather top-heavy position when without a sound something jumped on my back, and knocked me over. I learned it was a playful overgrown pup that wanted to get acquainted, but I went over and sat down on the fence for a while. This idea of people saying that in olden times people lived so long is all bunk. I find the most of them died in middle age, but no wonder. They had fevers, Indians, fell off of buildings, where kicked to death by horses, struck by lightning, drowned in floods and burned to death by coal oil lamps. Note this epitaph from Girard, Pa."

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But hearts with grief are swellin
All empty stands her little chair
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FROM SKANEATELES, NEW YORK

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Lies all that's left of Sally Jones
Her name was Lord it was not Jones
But Jones was used to rhyme with bones.

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FROM BAYFIELD, MISSISSIPPI

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We shed a lot of tears 'tis true
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Mr. Chambers' theateriana collection, which includes playbills, autographed photos, and letters from theatrical people, is adjudged the largest and costliest individual library of its kind in the world. It contains 8,000 documents, whose nominal worth is placed at \$10,000 and whose genuine value the owner adjudges priceless.

Stacked high in all dimensions, the playbills have come out of the star dust of the oldest theaters in America and some of the most famous in Europe. The lords, barons and aristocrats who have held these programs were witness to drama at a time when Shakespeare was first being presented for revival and when Sheridan, Goldsmith, Addison and the others of a remarkable group of wits were giving the theater the romantic vigor which it never lost.

In the Chambers' collection are specimens of playbills glaring in bold type cognomens which would electrify the roaring forties were the actors alive today. Edwin Booth supported by Helen Modjeska at the Broadway Theater, New York City, presented a Hamlet that has rarely been paralleled.

John Gilbert, grandfather of the present screen star, appears upon a program playing in the role Sir Peter Teazle in Sheridan's famous "School for Scandal," Lillian Russel is among the documents in "The First Night." John Drew is there in "A Single Man," and others are Edwin For-

rest, Mrs. Scott Siddons, Dion Borucicault, Edwin Adams, Charles Albert Fechter.

Historically famous papers there are among these old documents. The world's premiere of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" in Boston Museum, No. 15, 1952, with William Warren in the chief role, is a treasure. Yellow with age, pasted upon a large cardboard is a handbill of David Garrick, regarded as the most celebrated actor of the English stage. That ancient bill of his performance in "The Suspicious Husband" is probably the only one in existence of this gay fellow who sat at the knees of old Dr. Samuel Johnson and restored to the stage the eloquence of ancient Rome.

No less interesting is the collection of autographed photos including such luminaries as Ellen Terry, Mrs. Fiske, Elsie Janis, Nat C. Goodwin, Marie Dressler, Lillian Russel, Kate Clayton, Lily Langtry and Madame Nellie Melba.

The letters in Mr. Chambers collection have come from prominent writing-rooms. There is one of Aaron Burr's written by the hand which killed Alexander Hamilton. There are manuscripts of Tom Taylor, De Maurier (writer of "Tribby"), Gounod (composer of the "Faust" music), and John Ruskin.

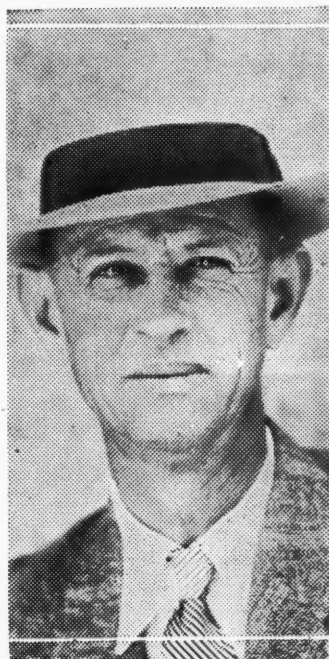
The collection is continually growing. Chambers, pursuing this highly entertaining penchant of his father, is weekly securing additions with agents in most of the large cities of America and England. "An auction in London," he said, "brings me the valuable Lord Rosebery volumes. A sale in an outlying part of Boston may carry some new treasure to my collection. The pleasure and interest to me of studying these documents is without equal."

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"Collecting Navajo blankets is my hobby."
—M. R. Wells, statistician of the U. S. department of agriculture

Hobby contests are fine boosters for newspaper readership and circulation. Many successful contests have been based on stamps, dogs, patch quilts, names, flags, mottoes, model making, blottograms and other things similar.

Newspaper editors usually favor data pertaining to personal hobbies of citizens in the community and stories such as the following one which appeared in the Phoenix (Ariz.) Gazette are frequently favored. In fact the Phoenix (Ariz.) Gazette is running a series of articles of this type.

A hobby quite appropriate for any resident of the Southwest is the one enjoyed by M. R. Wells, United States Department of Agriculture Statistician in Phoenix, Ariz.

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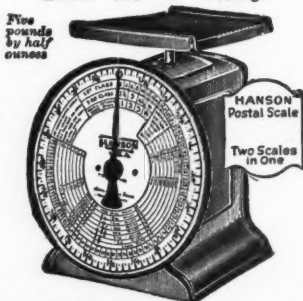
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The Keyman of Englewood recently organized a number of coin clubs in the Y. M. C. A. in Englewood, a suburb of Chicago.

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Personals

William Jerrems, now of Kansas City, Mo., but formerly of Chicago visited HOBBIES headquarters recently.

Mr. Jerrems is well known in collecting circles, having been first president of the American Numismatic Society.

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Number 2—A Minnesota reader has a diary about seventy years old written by a soldier in the Civil War and would like to have it valued.

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Number 4—A reader has a violin marked "Stradivarius." It is very old. Can anyone appraise this for him?

Number 5—A reader has the following magazines: File of Munsey magazines from 1899 to 1910. McClure's magazine for 1899 with a group of four poems by Hamlin Garland written on a trip in 1898 from Ash-

craft British C. to Glenora on the Stikine River by pack train. Also a story by Sarah Orne Jewett. An article by Ida M. Tarbell on Lincoln and the Emancipation Proclamation in hitherto unpublished papers Reminiscences by Charles Sumner, Carl Schurz, and other close friends of Lincoln. Also the fifth installment of a story by Rudyard Kipling. Who can appraise these?

Number 6—A reader has a wooden Bit Brace 100 years old, two old Civil War Leather Army Belts with brass buckles, and a rifle-inspection device made of brass and a mirror. Who can put a value on these?

Number 7—A reader in Ohio has the following canes: a cane filled with over a dozen small bottles for physician's use; a cane filled with a fishing pole 12-ft. long when extended, made of bamboo and beautifully carved; two sword canes, one with gold knob and a Toledo Blade, the other with stiletto blade; cane made from the vertebrae of a shark; A Blackthorne Shilalay from Ireland; cane used by John Robinson, Circus owner, has hook in end for goading animals. Can anyone appraise these?

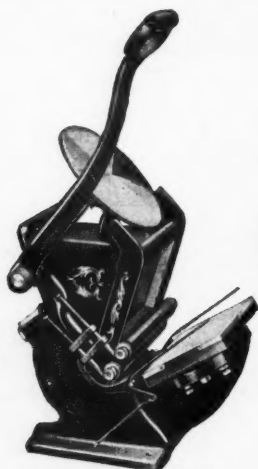
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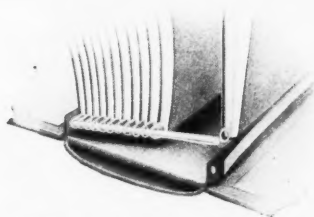
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